

Away, dark thoughts!

John Mason (1645-1694)

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1. A - way dark thoughts! a - wake my joy!
2. O hap - py night, that brought forth light,
3. The wake-ful shep - herds near their flocks,
4. In Beth - lehem town the In - fant lay,
5. Since heaven is now come down on earth,

1. A - wake! and prai - ses sing! Sing songs to
2. Which makes the blind to see. The Day-spring
3. Were watch - ful for the morn; But bet - ter
4. With - in a place ob - scure; O lit - tle
5. Hi - ther the an - gels fly; Hark! how the

1. ce - le - brate the birth Of Ja - cob's God and King.
2. from on high came down, To cheer and vi - sit thee.
3. news from heaven was brought: Our Sa - viour Christ was born.
4. Beth-lehem! poor in walls, But rich in fur - ni - ture.
5. heaven-ly choir doth sing, Glo - ry to God on high.

1. Sing songs to ce - le - brate the birth, Of Ja - cob's God
2. The Day - star from on high came down, To cheer and vi -
3. But bet - ter news from heaven was brought: Our Sa - viour Christ
4. O lit - tle Beth-lehem! poor in walls, But rich in fur -
5. Hark! how the heaven-ly choir doth sing, Glo - ry to God

1. Of Ja - cob's God, Of Ja - cob's God and King.
2. To cheer and vi - sit, Cheer and vi - sit thee.
3. Our Sa - viour Christ was born, Christ was born.
4. But rich in fur - ni - ture, In fur - ni - ture.
5. Glory to God on high, Glo - ry on high.

1. King, Of Ja - cob's God and King.
 2. thee. To cheer and vi - sit thee.
 3. born. Our Sa - viour Christ was born.
 4. ture. But rich in fur - ni - ture.
 5. high. Glo - ry to God on high.

6. The news is spread, the church is glad;
 Simeon, o'ercome with joy,
 Sings with the Infant in his arms:
 "Now let thy servant die."
7. Wise men from far beheld the star,
 Which was the faithful guide;
 Until it pointed out the Babe,
 And him they glorified.
8. Does heaven and earth rejoice and sing?
 Shall we our Christ deny?
 He's born for us and we for him --
 Glory to God on high!