

Excerpts from “*The Word Becomes Flesh*”

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This Is My Father’s World

*This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white declare their Maker’s praise.*

*This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father’s world, I comfort in the thought of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father’s world, O may my will not sway;
the oceans’ tide, the rivers wide His will they do obey.*

This is my Father’s world, His will shall be my prayer.

The Lord is King, let all nature sing; His glory we declare!

Narration: The Fall

Kyrie Eleison

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;

From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.

Come to us, redeem and cleanse us, show us mercy, grant us peace.

Heir unto the throne of David fear and strife shall ever cease.

By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;

By Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;

Dear desire of ev’ry nation, joy of ev’ry longing heart.

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Unto Us a Child Will Be Born

*Unto us a Son will be given, unto us a Child will be born!
He will rule with justice, His peace will never end.
Reigning on the throne of David, He will rule forever more!
Unto us a Son will be given, unto us a Child will be born!
And His name will be called:
Mighty God, Eternal Father, Counselor, the Prince of Peace!
In His kingdom He will bring us: justice, peace, and righteousness!
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Narration: The Angel Gabriel

Gabriel's Message

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady!" Gloria!
"For known a blessed mother thou shalt be; all generations laud and honor thee.
The son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady!" Gloria!
Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleases God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify His holy Name." Most highly favored lady! Gloria!
Magnificat anima mea Dominum. Dominum.
Of her Emmanuel, the Christ was born, in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn;
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say, "Most highly favored lady!"
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!*

Narration: A Child Is Born

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

*Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to His people on earth. Peace to His people on earth.
Peace on earth to those with whom He is pleased.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Glory to God in the highest!
Lord God, Heavenly King. Almighty God and Father.
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory. Heaven and earth rejoice and sing.
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