As on the Night Before

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1. As on the night before this happy morn, A blessed angel
   un-to shep-herds told, Where in a stable He was poorly born,
   Whom nor the earth nor Heav’n of Heav’n can hold. Thro’ Beth-l’em
   rang this news at their return; Yea, angels sang that God with
2. This favor Christ vouch-safèd for our sake; To buy us thrones, He
   And was dis-robed, that He might us ar-ray; Our flesh He
   And was dis-robed, nor Heav’n of Heav’ns can hold. Thro’ Beth-l’em
   wore, our sins to wear a-way; Our curse He bore, that we es-

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us was born; And they made mirth because we should not mourn,

And wept for us that we might sing for aye;

And they made mirth because we should not mourn. Their

With

angels, therefore, sing again; To God on high all glory be, For

peace on earth bestoweth He, And showeth favor unto men.