

# As on the Night Before

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1. As on the night be - fore this hap-py morn, A bless-èd an - gel  
2. This fa - vor Christ vouch - saf - èd for our sake; To buy us thrones, He

un-to shep-herds told, Where in a sta - ble He was poor - ly born,  
in a man-ger lay; Our weak-ness took, that we His strength might take,

Whom nor the earth nor Heav'n of Heav'ns can hold. Thro' Beth-l'em  
And was dis - robed, that He might us ar - ray; Our flesh He

rang this news at their re - turn; Yea, an - gels sang that God with  
wore, our sins to wear a - way; Our curse He bore, that we es-

us was born; And they made mirth be - cause we should not mourn,  
- cape it may; And wept for us that we might sing for aye;

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an - gel car - ols sing we then; To God on high all glo-ry be, For  
an - gels, there - fore, sing a - gain; To God on high all glo-ry be, For

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