Songs of Praise the Angels Sang

1. Songs of praise the angels sang, Heav'n with alleluias rang,
   When creation was begun, When God spoke and it was done.
   Songs of praise arose when He Captive led captivity.
   God will make new heav'n and earth; Songs of praise shall hail their birth.
   No; the Church delights to raise Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.

2. Songs of praise awoke the morn When the Prince of Peace was born;
   Songs of praise shall crown that day!
   Captive led captivity.
   Songs of praise shall hail their birth.
   Songs of praise shall crown that day!
   Songs of praise shall crown that day!

3. Heav'n and earth must pass a way! Songs of praise shall crown that day!
   When the Prince of Peace was born; Songs of praise shall crown that day!
   Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.
   Songs of praise shall crown that day!
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4. And shall Christians fail to sing Till on earth Christ comes as King?
   Saints below, with heart and voice, Still in songs of praise rejoice,
   When the Prince of Peace was born; Songs of praise shall crown that day!
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5. Saints below, with heart and voice, Still in songs of praise rejoice,
   When the Prince of Peace was born; Songs of praise shall crown that day!
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