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John Wainwright, 1750

1 Christ-ians, a - wake, sa - lute the hap - py morn  
 2 Then to the watch - ful shep - herds it was told,  
 3 He spake; and straight - way the oe - les - tial choir

Where - on the Sav - ior of the world was born.  
 Who heard th'an - gel - ic her - ald's voice, "Be - hold,  
 In hymns of joy, un - known be - fore, con - spire;

Rise to a - dore the mys - ter - y of love  
 I bring good ti - dings of a Sav - ior's birth  
 The prais - es of re - deem - ing love they sang,

Which hosts of an - gels chant - ed from a - bove;  
 To you and all the na - tions up - on earth;  
 And heaven's whole orb with al - le - lu - ias rang.

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With them the joy - ful ti - dings first be - gun Of  
 This day hath God ful - filled His prom - ised word; This  
 God's high - est glo - ry was their an - them still, Peace

God In - car - nate and the Vir - gin's Son.  
 day is born a Sav - ior, Christ the Lord."  
 up - on earth and un - to men good will. A - men.

- 4 To Beth'ern straight th' enlightened shepherds ran  
 To see the wonder God had wrought for man.  
 And found, with Joseph and the blessed maid,  
 Her Son, the Savior, in a manger laid;  
 Then to their flocks, still praising God, return.  
 And their glad hearts with holy rapture burn.
- 5 Oh, may we keep and ponder in our mind  
 God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind!  
 Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,  
 From His poor manger to His bitter cross,  
 Tread in His steps, assisted by His grace,  
 Till our imperfect state God doth replace.
- 6 Then may we hope, angelic hosts among,  
 To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song:  
 He that was born upon this joyful day  
 Around us all His glory shall display.  
 Saved by His love, incessant we shall sing  
 Eternal praise to heaven's almighty King. Amen.

John Byrom, c. 1749