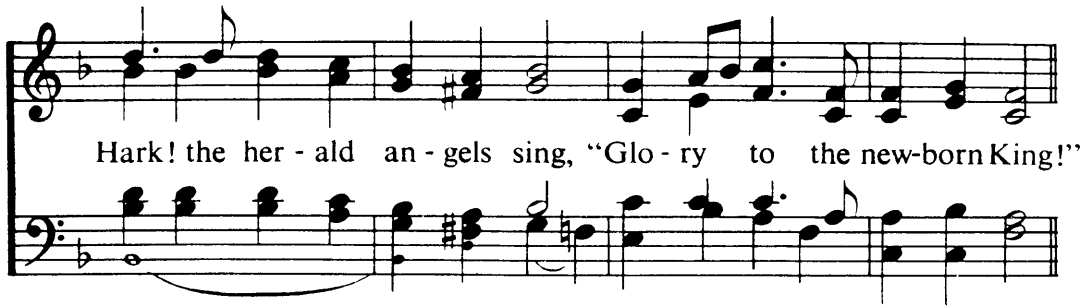


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## HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

- I. The words of this favorite Christmas hymn were written almost 250 years ago by one of the most famous writers of all time, Charles Wesley. The music was written by a well-known musician about 100 years later, Felix Mendelssohn. They both did some remarkable things during their lives. Let us take a look at each:

### Charles Wesley

The 18th child of Susanna and Samuel Wesley  
 Went away to school at eight where only Latin was spoken  
 Wrote a hymn text almost every day after his conversion  
 Wrote about 6500 hymns/poems for all seasons of the church year

### Felix Mendelssohn

Born into a Jewish family, but wrote music for Christians  
 Played his first public piano performance at age nine  
 Composed five symphonies by 12 years of age  
 Wrote two famous oratorios, *Elijah* and *St. Paul*

## II. Rhymed Words in Hymns

Hymns are easier to memorize because most often they use rhymed words. In this hymn the rhymed words appear in the same line of music. Find the words that rhyme with those given below:

sing (stanza 1) \_\_\_\_\_

earth (stanza 3) \_\_\_\_\_

adored (stanza 2) \_\_\_\_\_

brings (stanza 3) \_\_\_\_\_

rise (stanza 1) \_\_\_\_\_

reconciled (stanza 1) \_\_\_\_\_

die (stanza 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Emmanuel (stanza 2) \_\_\_\_\_

## III. Meaning of Words

This famous hymn has several words that we do not use today in normal conversation. See if you can match the words with their meaning. Find the word in the hymn first and then try to decide its meaning from the choices given:

### Important Words

- \_\_\_\_\_ Herald
- \_\_\_\_\_ Offspring
- \_\_\_\_\_ Incarnate Deity
- \_\_\_\_\_ Godhead
- \_\_\_\_\_ Emmanuel

### Possible Meanings

- A. God existing as three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- B. A name that means "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23)
- C. A new baby is sometimes called by this word
- D. One that announces important news
- E. To give God a body and human form through Jesus