

Angels we have heard on high

Weihnachtslied auf die Hymne „Gloria“ nach dem französischen Lied Les Anges dans nos campagnes mit englischen Texten von James Chadwick.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff (measures 1-4) contains the lyrics: 'An- gels we have heard on high swee- tly sing- ing o'er the plains,'. The second staff (measures 5-8) contains: 'and the moun- tains in re- ply e- cho- ing their joy- ous strains.'. The third staff (measures 9-12) contains: 'Glo- ri a'. The fourth staff (measures 13-16) contains: 'in ex- cel- sis De- o! De- o!'. There are first and second endings indicated by brackets and numbers 1 and 2 above the staff.

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be?
Which inspire your heavenly songs?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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