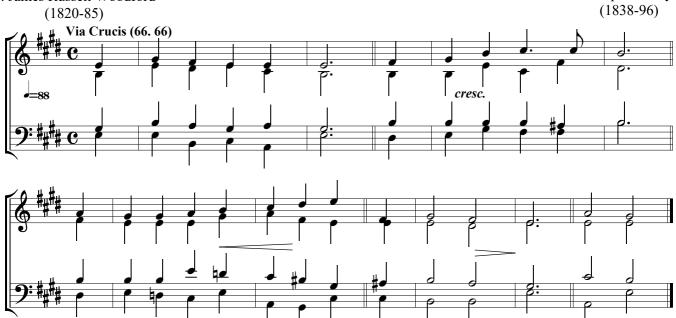
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God from on high hath heard

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- 1. God from on high hath heard; Let sighs and sorrows cease; Lo! from the opening Heav'n descends To man the promised Peace.
- 2. Hark! through the silent night Angelic voices swell; Their joyful songs proclaim that God Is born on earth to dwell.
- 3. See how the shepherd band Speed on with eager feet; Come to the hallowed cave with them The Holy Babe to greet.
- 4. But, oh, what sight appears Within that lowly door! A manger, stall, and swaddling clothes, A Child and mother poor!

- 5. Art Thou the Christ? the Son? The Father's image bright? And see we Him whose arm upholds Earth and the starry height?
- 6. Yea, faith can pierce the cloud Which veils Thy glory now; We hail Thee, God, before whose throne The angels prostrate bow.
- 7. A silent Teacher, Lord, Thou bidd'st us not refuse To bear what flesh would have us shun. To shun what flesh would choose.
- 8. Our sinful pride to cure With that pure love of Thine, O be Thou born within our hearts, Most Holy Child divine.