

# Angels we have heard on high

Words: Trad. French carol,  
tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.

Tune: McShane 77. 77 with refrain  
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1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plain,  
2 Shep - herds, why this jub - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strain:  
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

*The hymn tune McShane honors the mathematician Edward James McShane (1904-1989), Professor Emeritus of the University of Virginia, member of the National Academy of Sciences, and avid amateur musician. It was composed shortly before his death.*