

# Beneath a dark familiar sky

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1. Be - neath a dark fa - mil - iar sky the si - lent air was stirred; a  
2. The shep - herds rose to face the sky, then turned and fell face down; this  
3. The stars a - ligned to point a path, the shep - herds rose and ran, swept

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sud - den rush like man - y wings an - nounced a start - ling word: a  
night it seemed that Life it - self was press - ing toward the ground to  
up in an e - pi - pha - ny they longed to un - der - stand. This

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word more dis - tant than the stars a - bove the ston - y ground, and  
take, to hold, to ce - le - brate the sub - stance of the earth, and  
long - ing al - so gath - ers us to rise and go with them, and

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clos - er than the beat - ing hearts that marked the sud - den sound.  
gath - er all cre - a - tion in a re - con - cil - ing birth.  
find our way a - mong the ways that meet in Beth - le - hem.

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