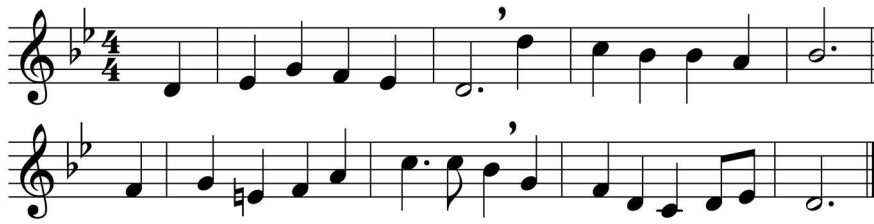


God from on high hath heard      AMNS 38      Melody: St. George      S.M.



God from on high hath heard:  
let sighs and sorrows cease.  
Lo, from the opening heaven descends  
to man the promised peace.

Hark, through the silent night  
angelic voices swell;  
their joyful songs proclaim that God  
is born on earth to dwell.

See how the shepherd-band  
speed on with eager feet;  
come to the hallowed cave with them  
the holy babe to greet.

But O what sight appears  
within that lowly door:  
a manger, stall, and swaddling clothes,  
a child, and mother poor.

Art thou the Christ? the Son?  
the Father's image bright?  
and see we him whose arm upholds  
earth and the starry height?

Yea, faith can pierce the cloud  
which veils thy glory now;  
we hail thee God, before whose throne  
the angels prostrate bow.

Our sinful pride to cure  
with that pure love of thine,  
O be thou born within our hearts,  
most holy Child divine.

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