

Why Were the Angels Singing?

For Childrens Chorus, Men & Women 2-part Chorus, Piano Accompaniment

Lively ♩ = 110

Lyrics and music by
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Piano introduction in 4/4 time, marked *f*. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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Children
Excited and animated

f 1. Why were the an - gels sing - ing Fa - ther, Mo - ther? Why did the an - gels sing to
f 2. Why is a new star shin - ing Fa - ther, Mo - ther? Why does the new star shine so
mp 3. Who is this new born ba - by, Fa - ther, Mo - ther? Why does he lie in man - ger

Piano accompaniment for the first vocal entry, marked *mf* and *(3rd time p)*. The right hand continues the melodic line, and the left hand provides a steady bass line with eighth notes.

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night? — Why were the an - gels sing - ing "A - le - lu - ia"? What mes - sage did they bring, what
 bright? — What can its mean - ing be to those who fol - low? See how it lights the sky, and
 bed? — Why do the shep - herds wor - ship and a - dore him? See how the ba - by sleeps, and

Piano accompaniment for the second vocal entry, marked *mf*. The right hand continues the melodic line, and the left hand provides a steady bass line with eighth notes.

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words did they re - cite?
shines toward Earth to - night?
gen - tly rests his head?

Two Part Choir
Calm and flowing

Women *mf*
Verse 3 *mp*

1.Fear not, I bring you tid - ings of great joy. Our
2.Won - ders and signs shall wit - ness of his birth. Our
3.He is God's Son, Mes - si - ah come to earth. Our

Men *mf*
Verse 3 *mp*

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2.Won - ders and signs shall wit - ness of his birth. Our
3.He is God's Son, Mes - si - ah come to earth. Our

Calm and flowing

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(Repeat for verses 2 and 3)

Children

f 4.Why were the an - gels sing - ing

Sa - vior, our Sa - vior is born this night.____
Sa - vior, our Sa - vior is born this night.____
Sa - vior, our Sa - vior is born this night.____

mf 4.Al - le -

Sa - vior, our Sa - vior is born this night.____
Sa - vior, our Sa - vior is born this night.____
Sa - vior, our Sa - vior is born this night.____

mf 4.Al -

(Repeat for verses 2 and 3)

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Fa-ther, Mo-ther? Why does the new star shine so bright? Who is this new-born ba-by
- lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Ho - sa - nah! Ho -
le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Ho - sa - nah! Ho -

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Fa-ther, Mother? He is our Sa - vior born this night.
sa - nah! He is our Sa - vior born this night.
sa - nah! He is our Sa - vior born this night.