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# The Amazing Advent-ure!




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**All say:**  
**Sit up! Sit up!**



A festive illustration of a blue advent calendar window. A red bow is tied to the top right corner. A white paper with a poem is pinned to the center. Below the paper, a silhouette of Santa Claus in a sleigh pulled by three reindeer is visible against a blue background. At the bottom, there are white snow-capped mountains and a small green Christmas tree. Three hands are visible: one on the left holding the paper, one in the center pointing up, and one on the right holding the paper. The hands are wearing red and green sleeves.

**All say:**  
**What is Advent all about?**  
**Open the doors and you'll find out!**  
**The answer lies in a bed of hay,**  
**A message will help you on your way.**



**All say:**  
Someone's hiding  
behind the door,  
Who it is we can't be  
sure,  
Open up a little more ...  
It's an angel!






**All say:**

**I bring you joyful  
news today.**

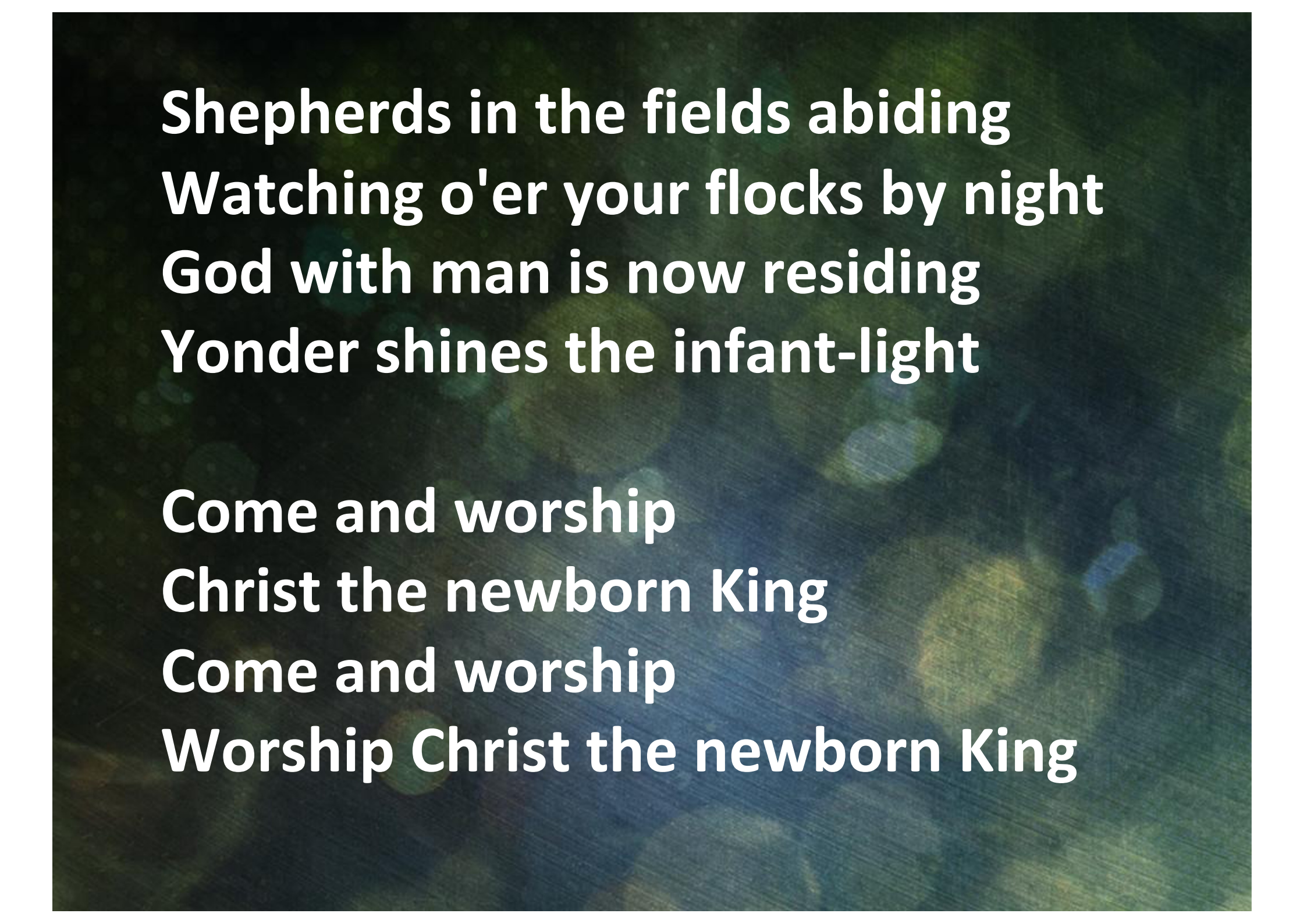
**Someone special  
is on their way!**



**Angels from the realms of glory  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth**

**Come and worship  
Christ the newborn King  
Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King**

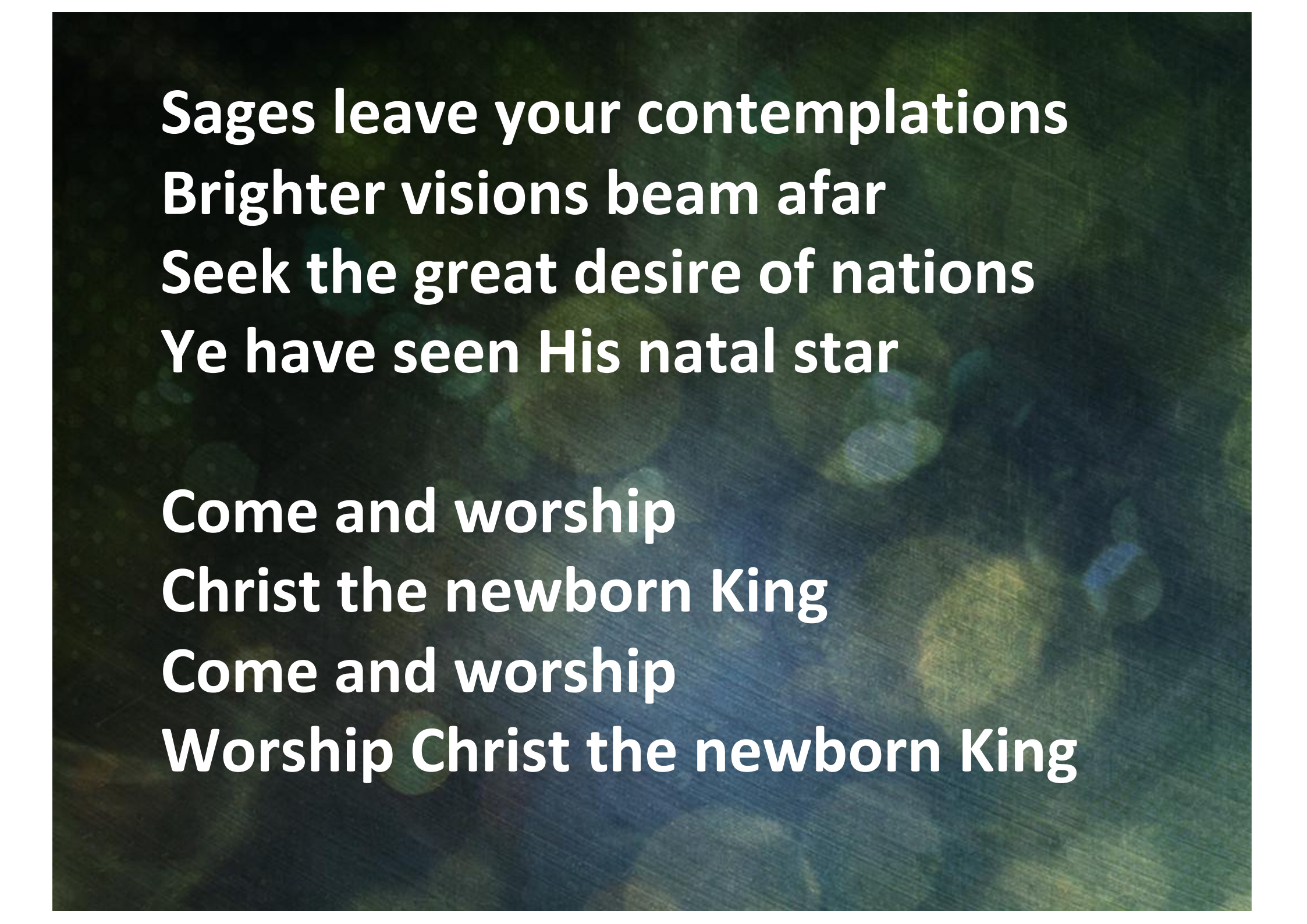




Shepherds in the fields abiding  
Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with man is now residing  
Yonder shines the infant-light

Come and worship  
Christ the newborn King  
Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

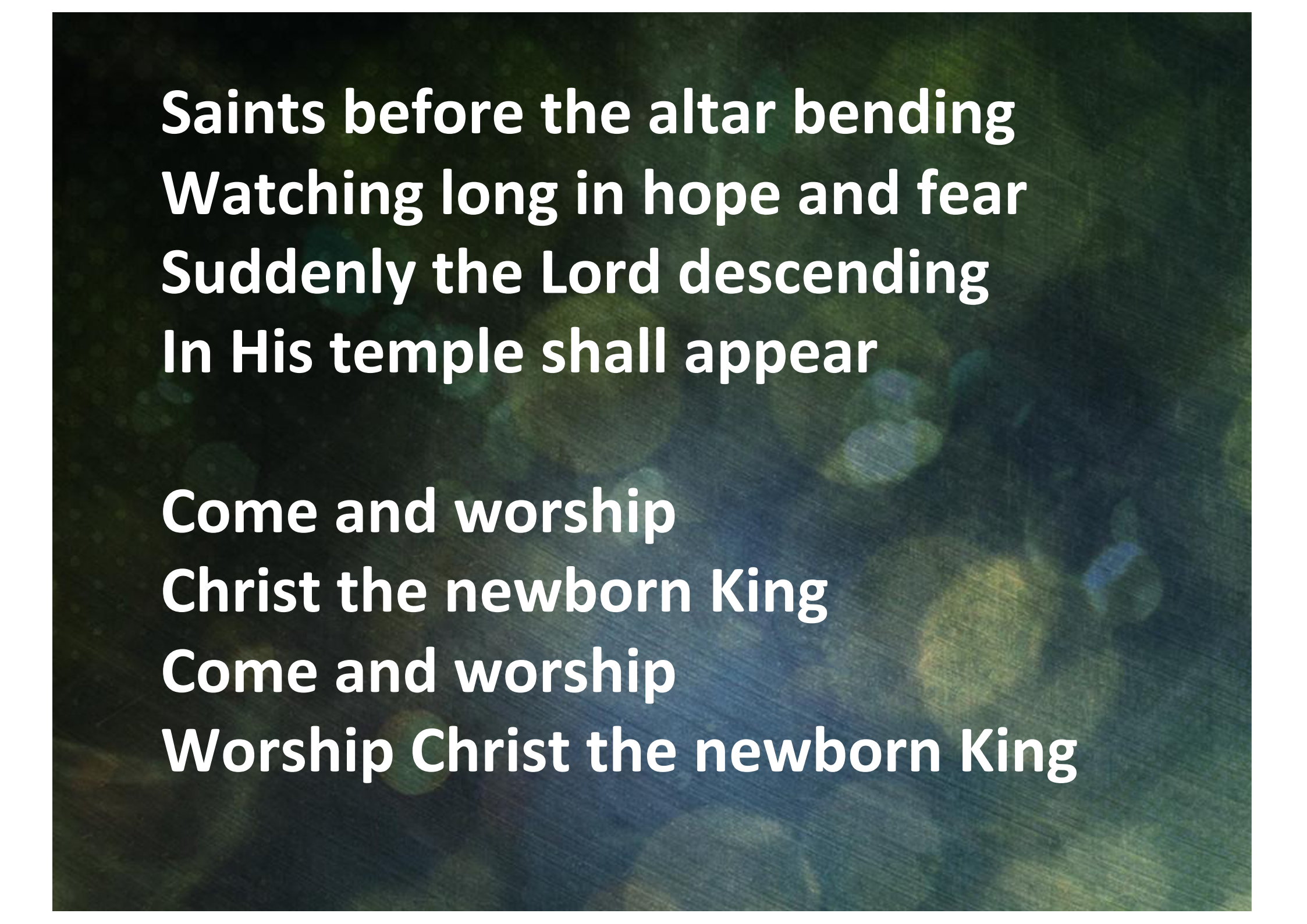




**Sages leave your contemplations  
Brighter visions beam afar  
Seek the great desire of nations  
Ye have seen His natal star**

**Come and worship  
Christ the newborn King  
Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King**

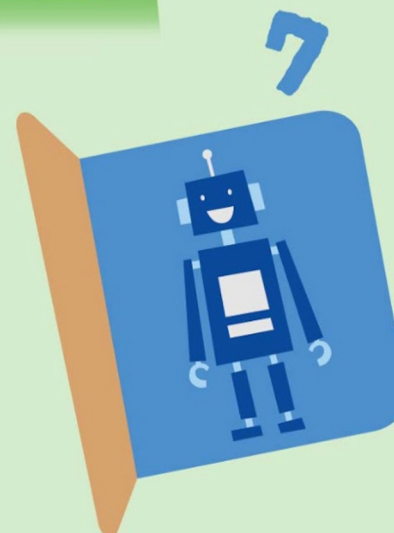
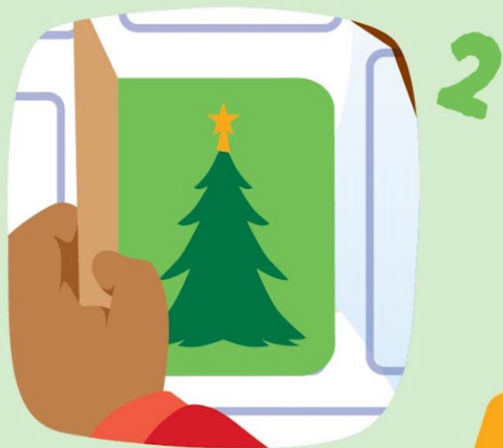




**Saints before the altar bending  
Watching long in hope and fear  
Suddenly the Lord descending  
In His temple shall appear**

**Come and worship  
Christ the newborn King  
Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King**





**All say:**

Someone's hiding  
behind the door,  
Who it is we can't be  
sure,  
Open up a little more ...  
It's Mary!



**All say:  
An angel brought us  
news of joy!  
We're going to have a  
baby boy!**







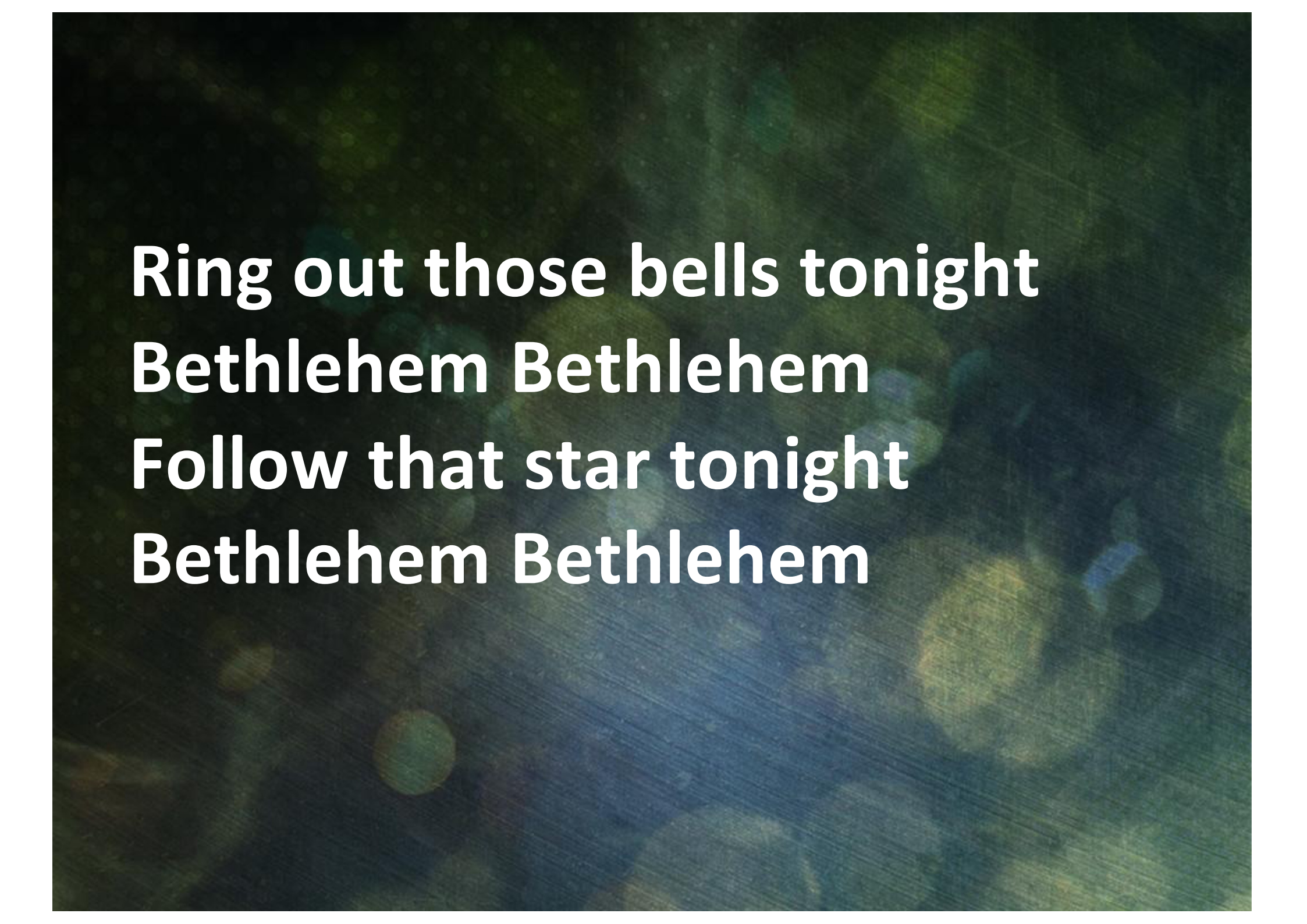
**Little donkey little donkey  
on the dusty road**

**Got to keep on plodding onwards  
with your precious load**

**Been a long time little Donkey  
Through the winter's night**

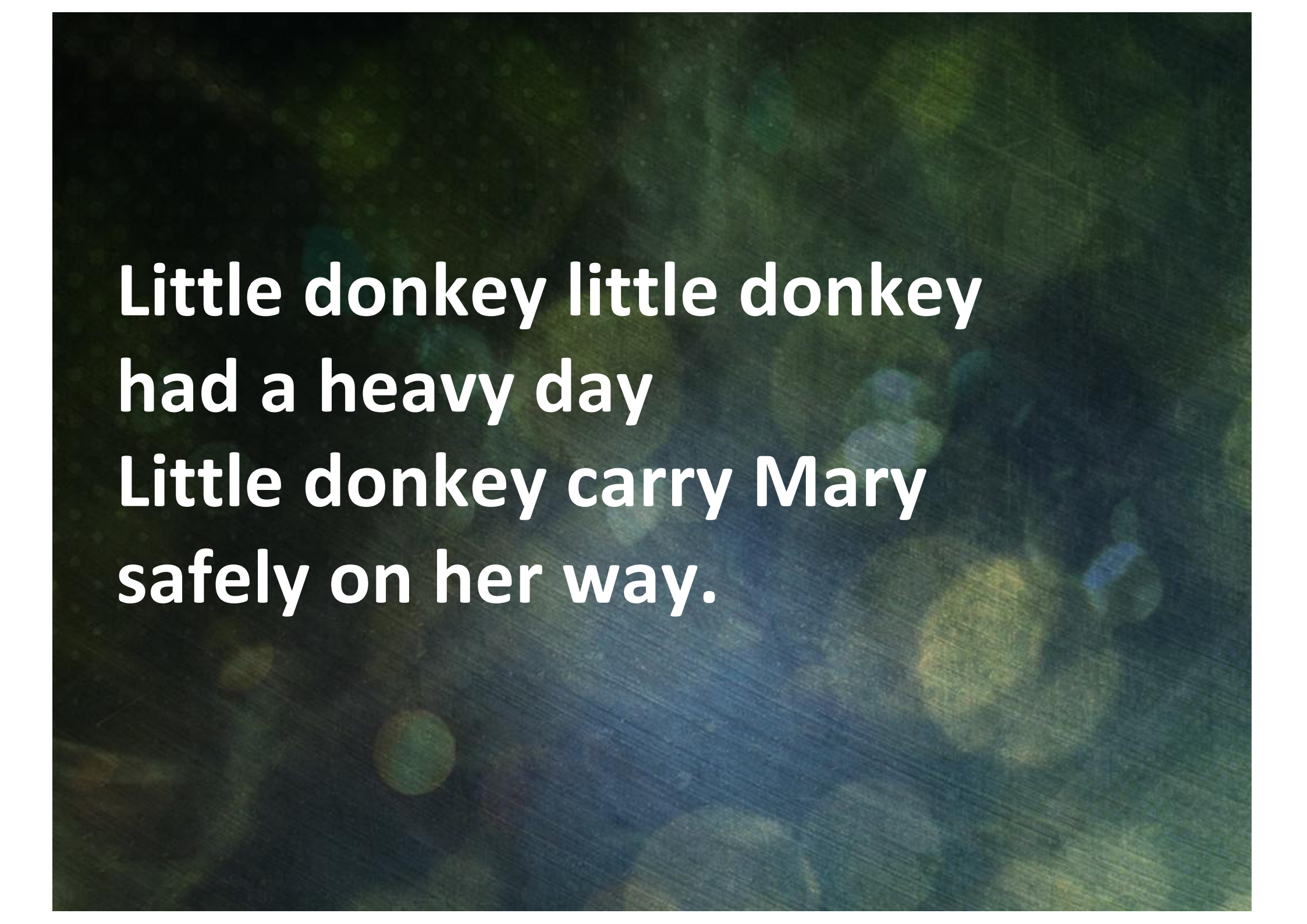
**Don't give up now little donkey  
Bethlehem's in sight**





**Ring out those bells tonight  
Bethlehem Bethlehem  
Follow that star tonight  
Bethlehem Bethlehem**





**Little donkey little donkey  
had a heavy day  
Little donkey carry Mary  
safely on her way.**





**All say:**

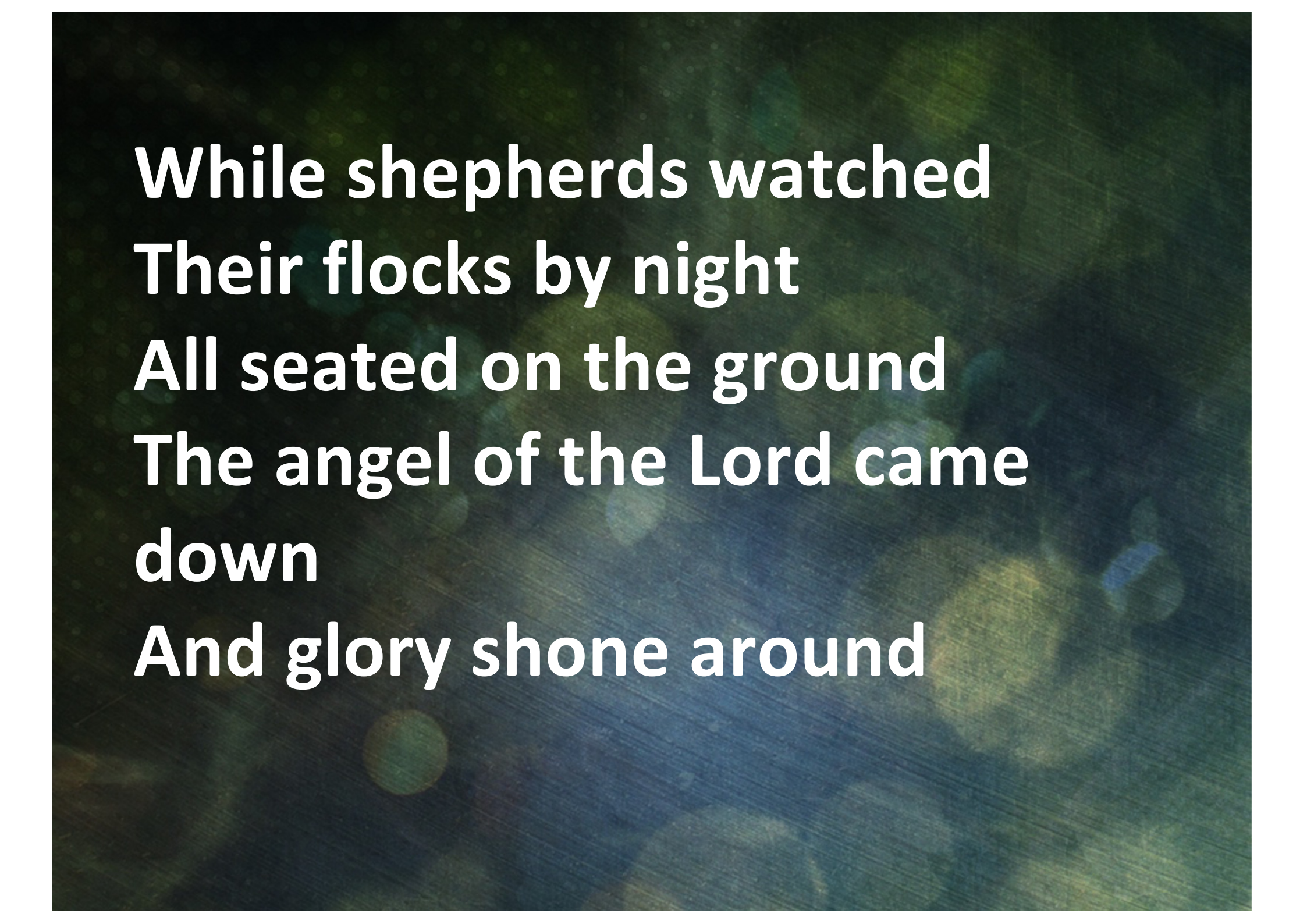
Someone's hiding  
behind the door,  
Who it is we can't be  
sure,  
Open up a little more ...  
It's a shepherd with a  
sheep!



**All say:  
Dazzling angels  
came to say,  
we'll find the baby  
in a bed of hay!**

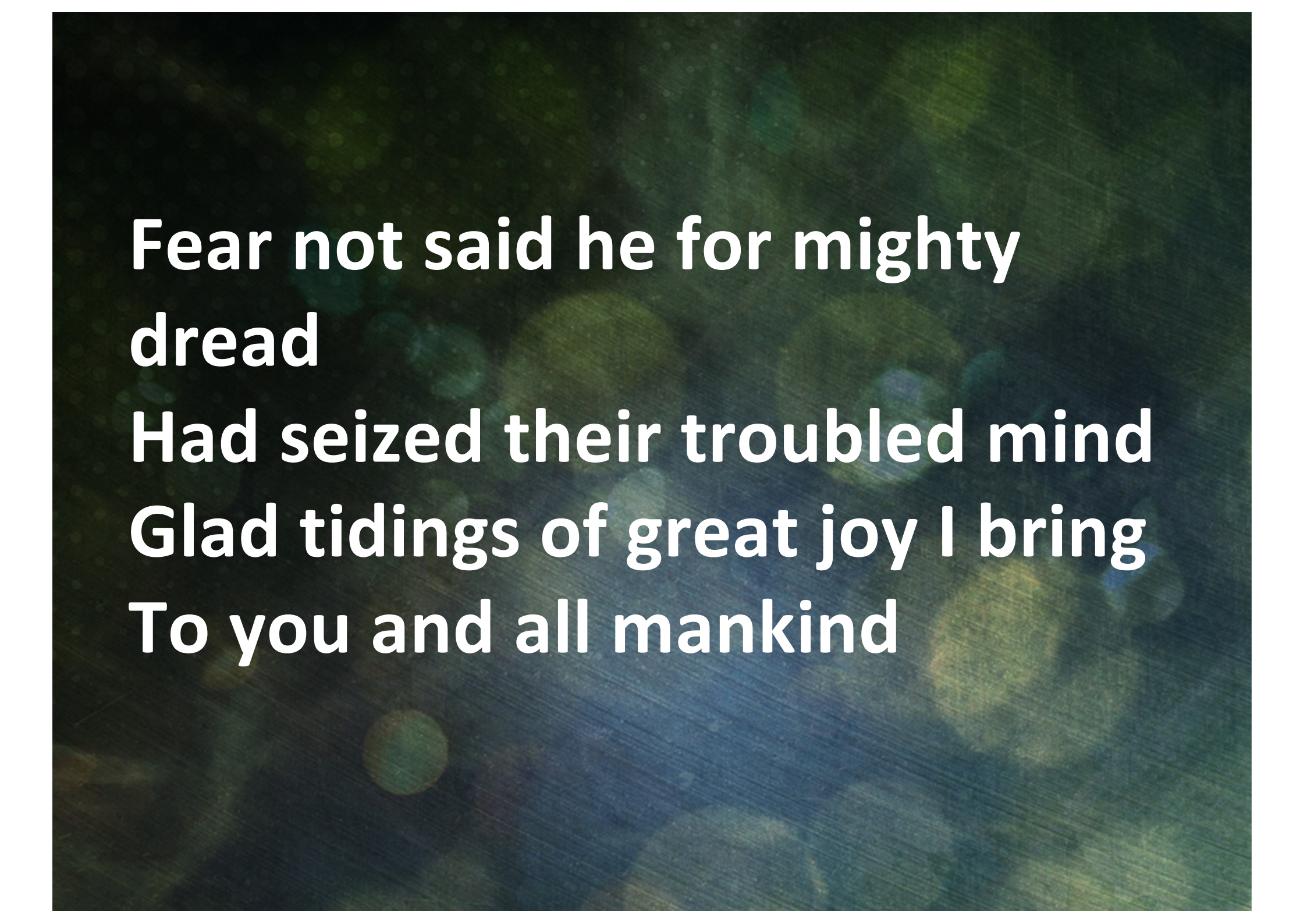






**While shepherds watched  
Their flocks by night  
All seated on the ground  
The angel of the Lord came  
down  
And glory shone around**

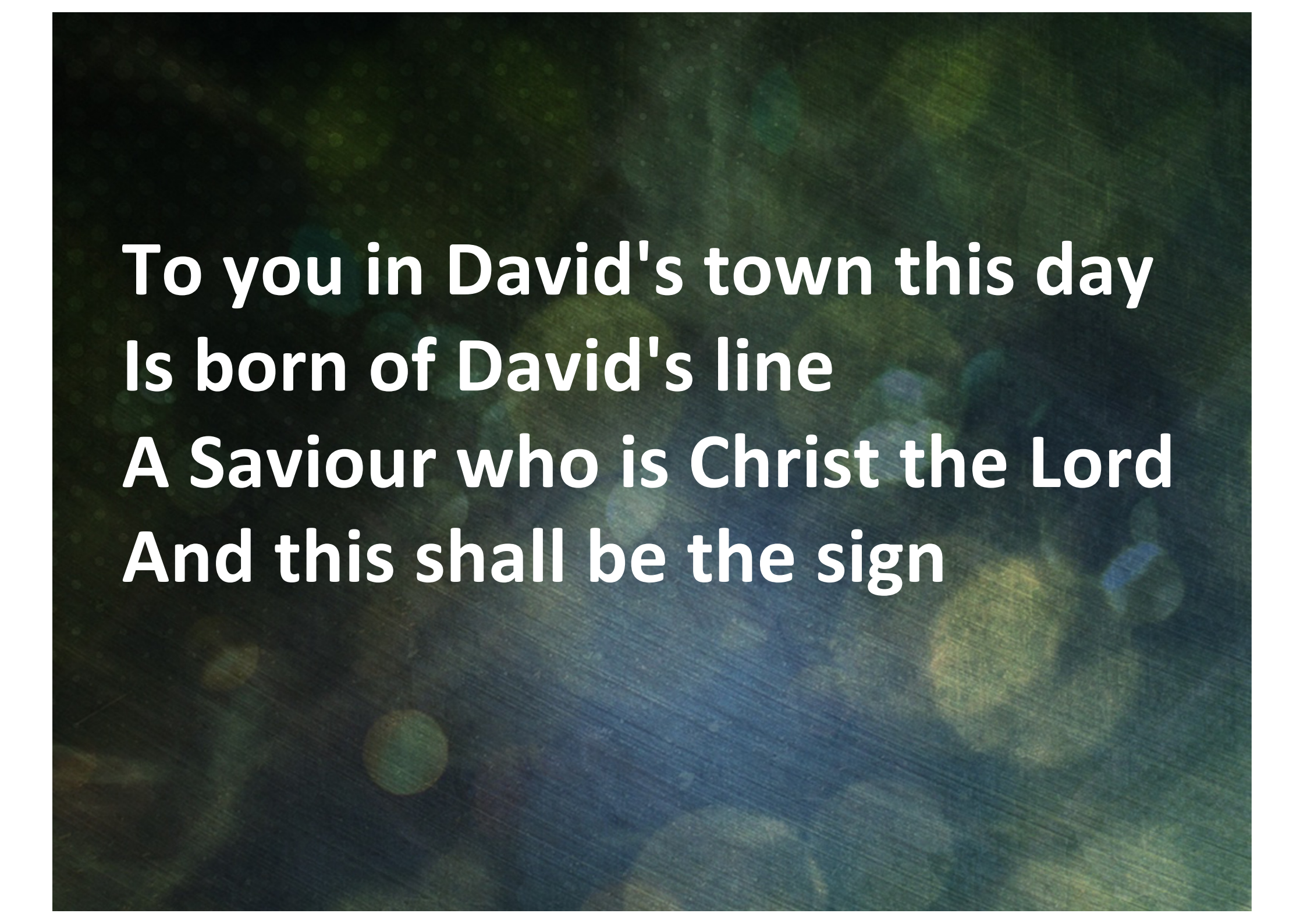




**Fear not said he for mighty  
dread**

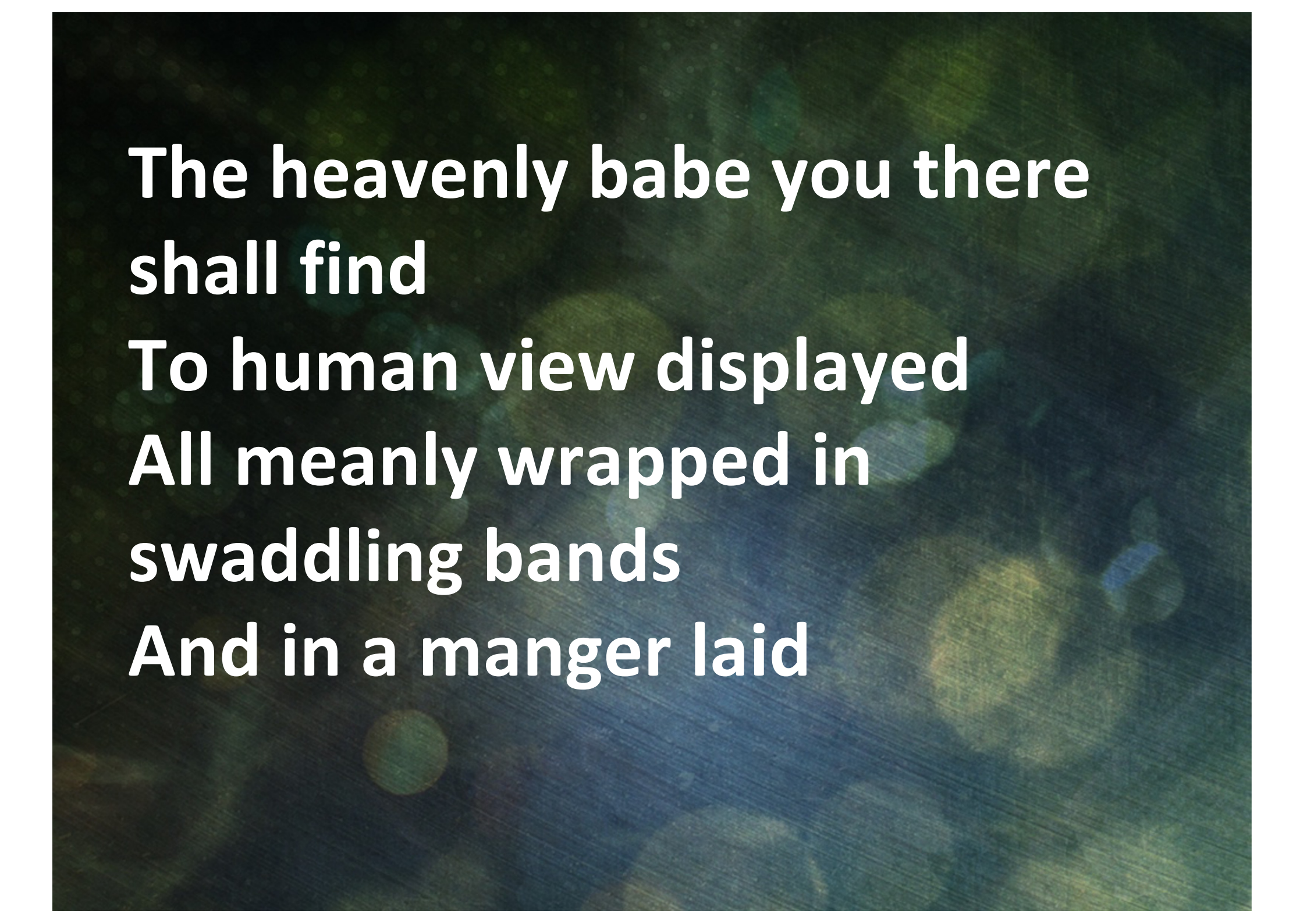
**Had seized their troubled mind  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind**





**To you in David's town this day  
Is born of David's line  
A Saviour who is Christ the Lord  
And this shall be the sign**

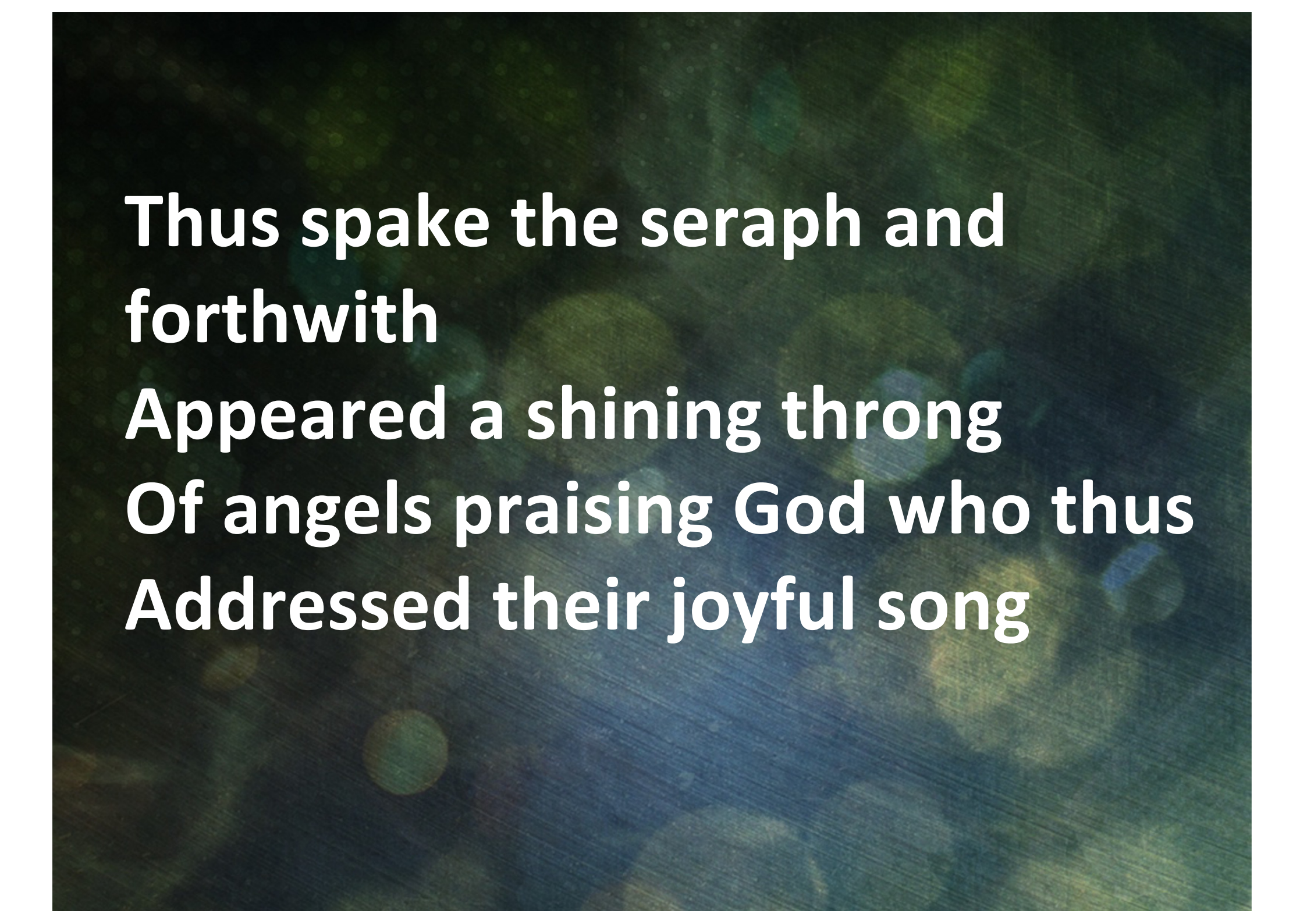




The heavenly babe you there  
shall find

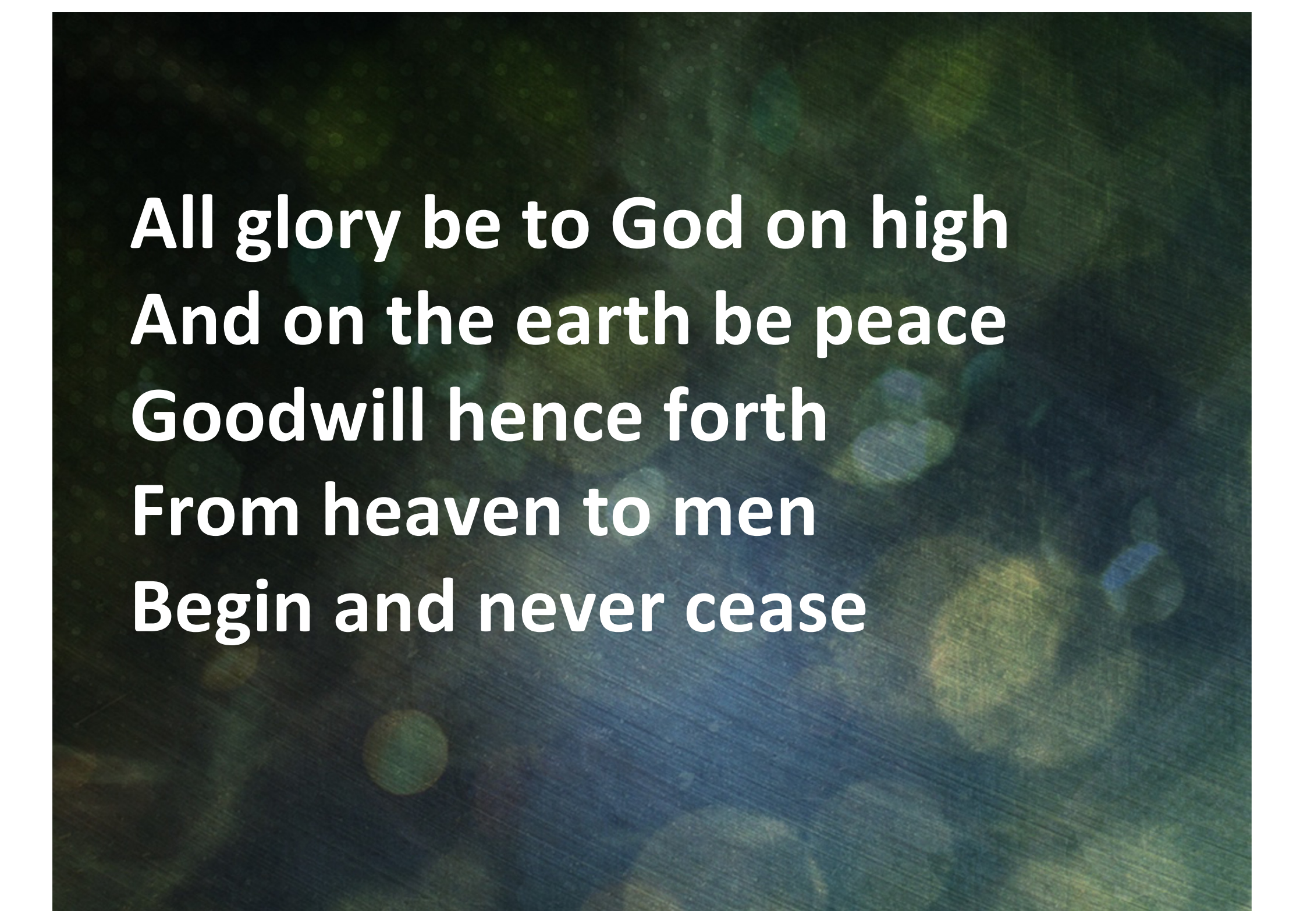
To human view displayed  
All meanly wrapped in  
swaddling bands  
And in a manger laid





**Thus spake the seraph and  
forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God who thus  
Addressed their joyful song**





**All glory be to God on high  
And on the earth be peace  
Goodwill hence forth  
From heaven to men  
Begin and never cease**





**All say:**

Someone's hiding  
behind the door,  
Who it is we can't be  
sure,  
Open up a little more ...  
It's a wise man!







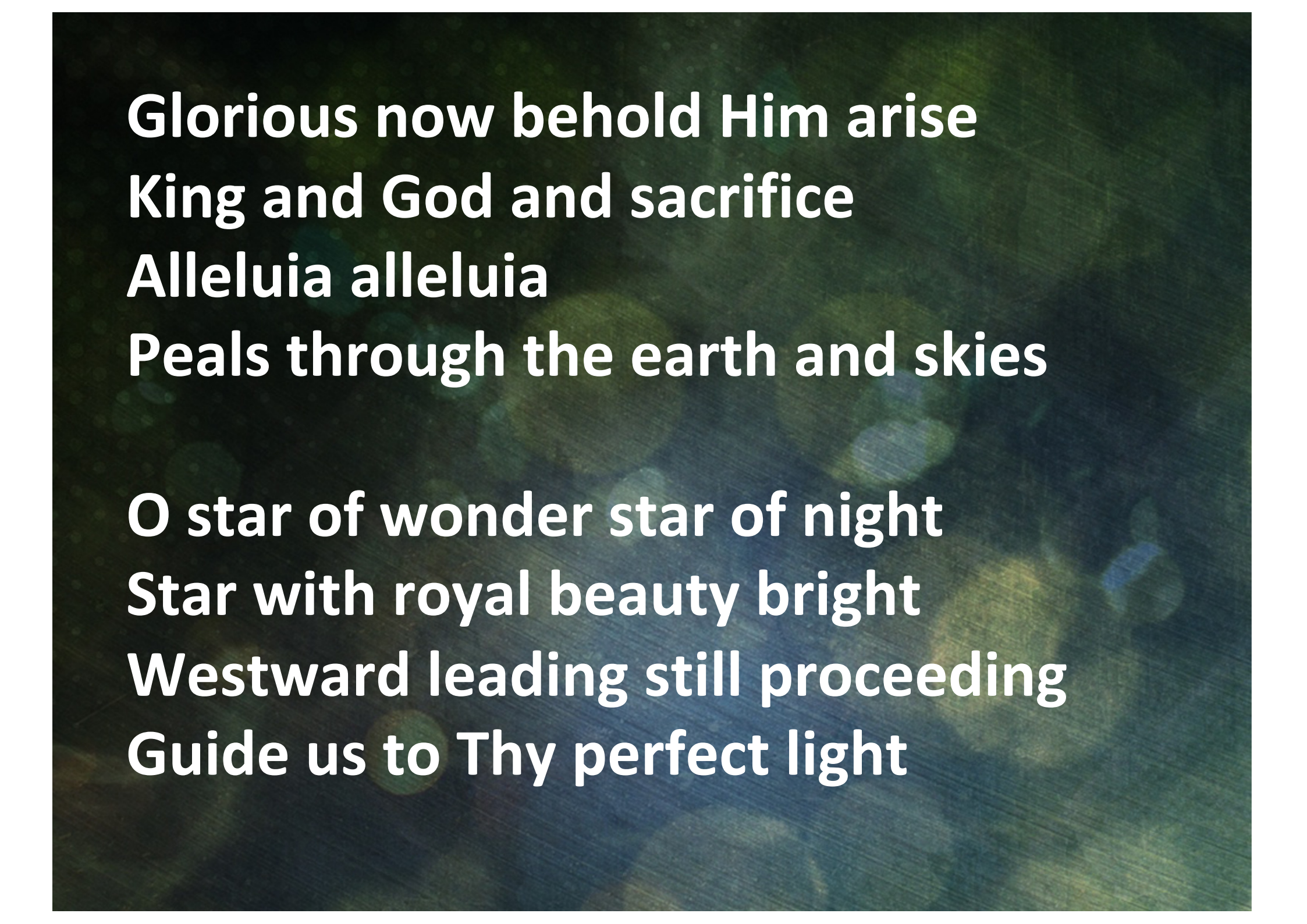
**All say:  
The star will show  
us where to bring,  
our presents for a  
newborn king!**



**We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain moor and mountain  
Following yonder star**

**O star of wonder star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light**





**Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and sacrifice  
Alleluia alleluia  
Peals through the earth and skies**

**O star of wonder star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light**

**All say:**

Someone's hiding  
behind the door,  
Who it is we can't be  
sure,  
Open up a little more ...  
**IT'S BABY JESUS!**





**All say:**

Come and meet Baby Jesus!

Come on! Come and meet Baby Jesus!



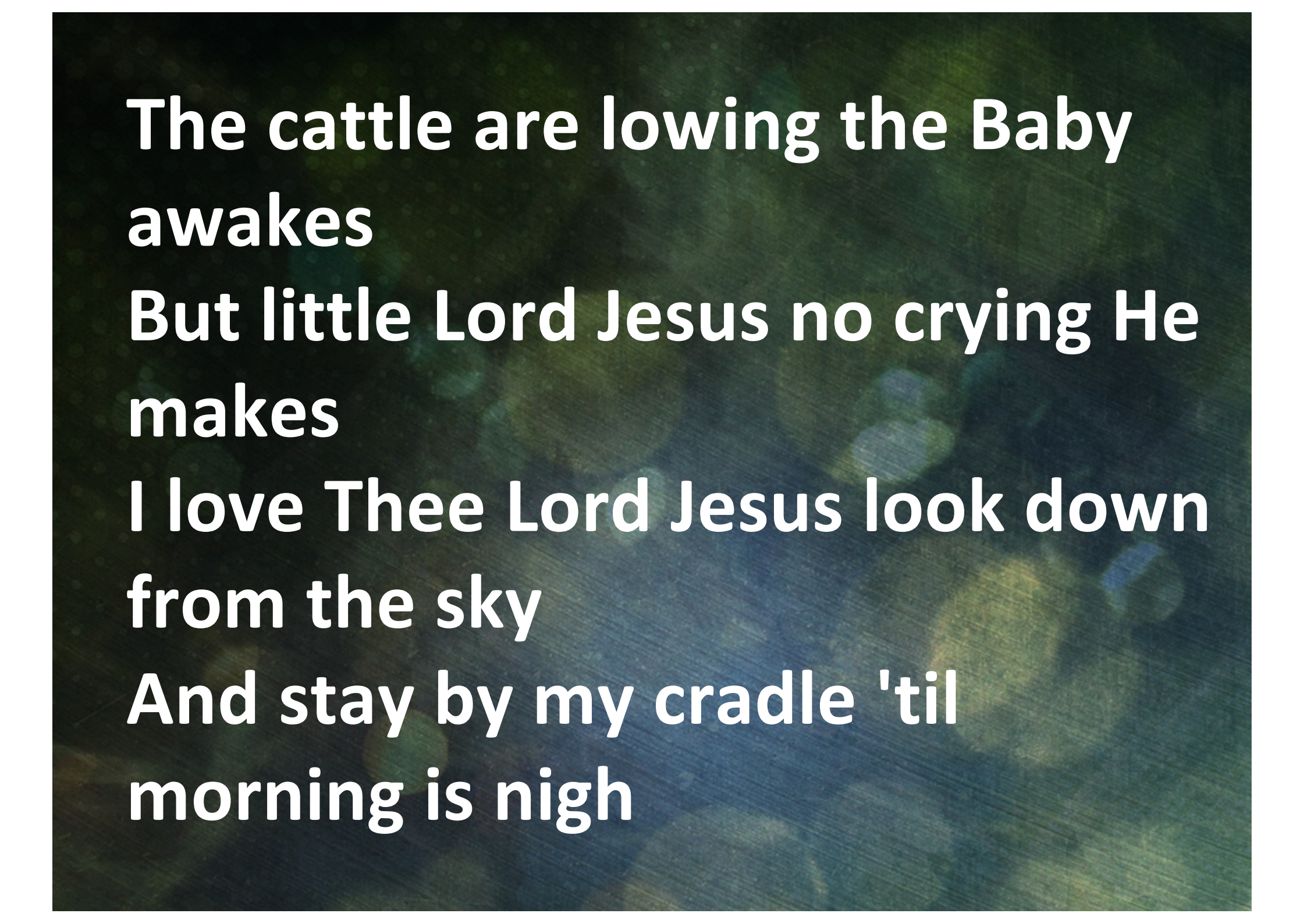


**Away in a manger no crib for a  
bed**

**The little Lord Jesus  
laid down His sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky  
looked down where He lay**

**The little Lord Jesus asleep on  
the hay**





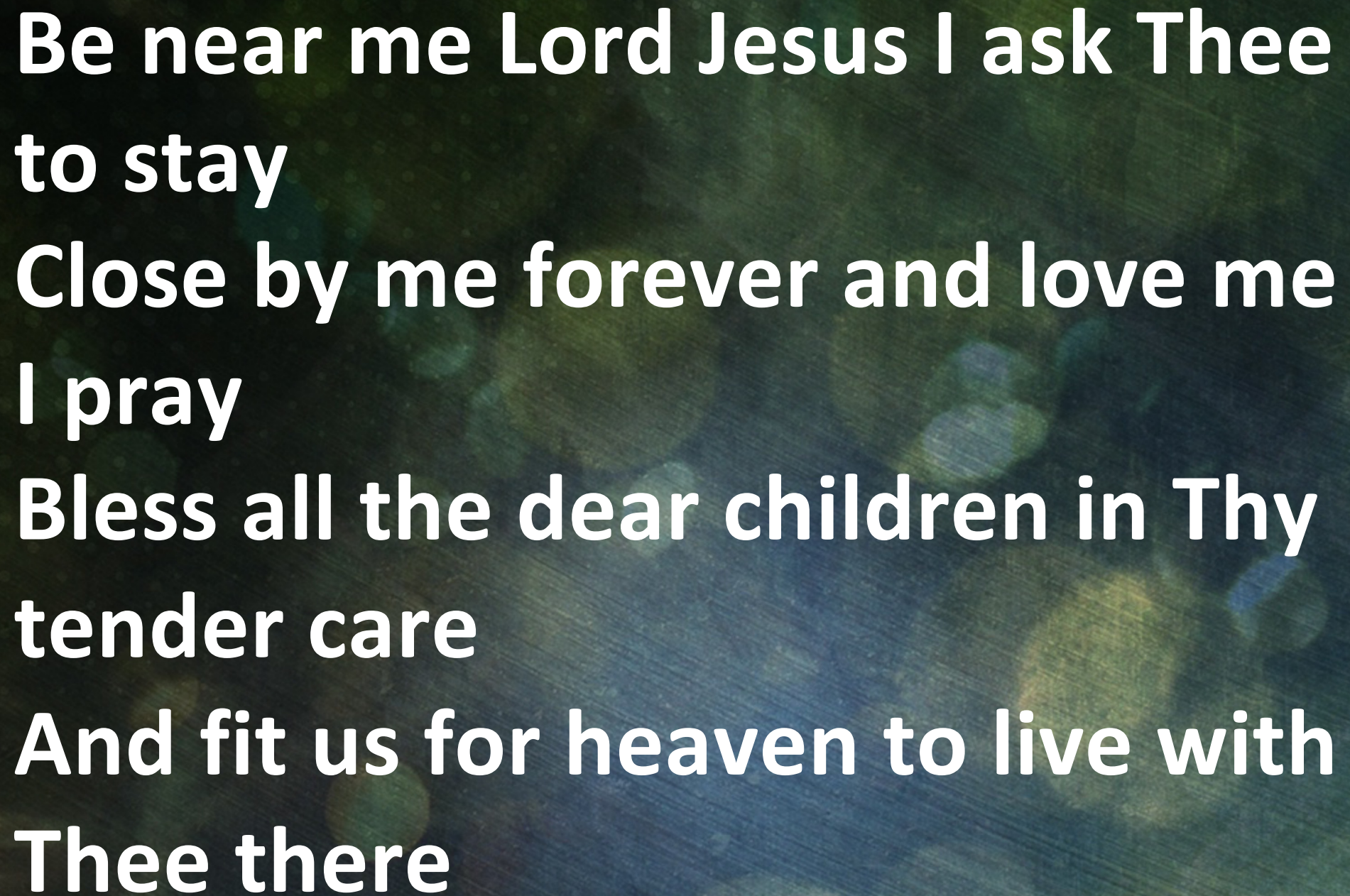
The cattle are lowing the Baby  
awakes

But little Lord Jesus no crying He  
makes

I love Thee Lord Jesus look down  
from the sky

And stay by my cradle 'til  
morning is nigh





**Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee  
to stay  
Close by me forever and love me  
I pray  
Bless all the dear children in Thy  
tender care  
And fit us for heaven to live with  
Thee there**



**All say:**

You asked us what Christmas is  
all about,

So we opened the doors

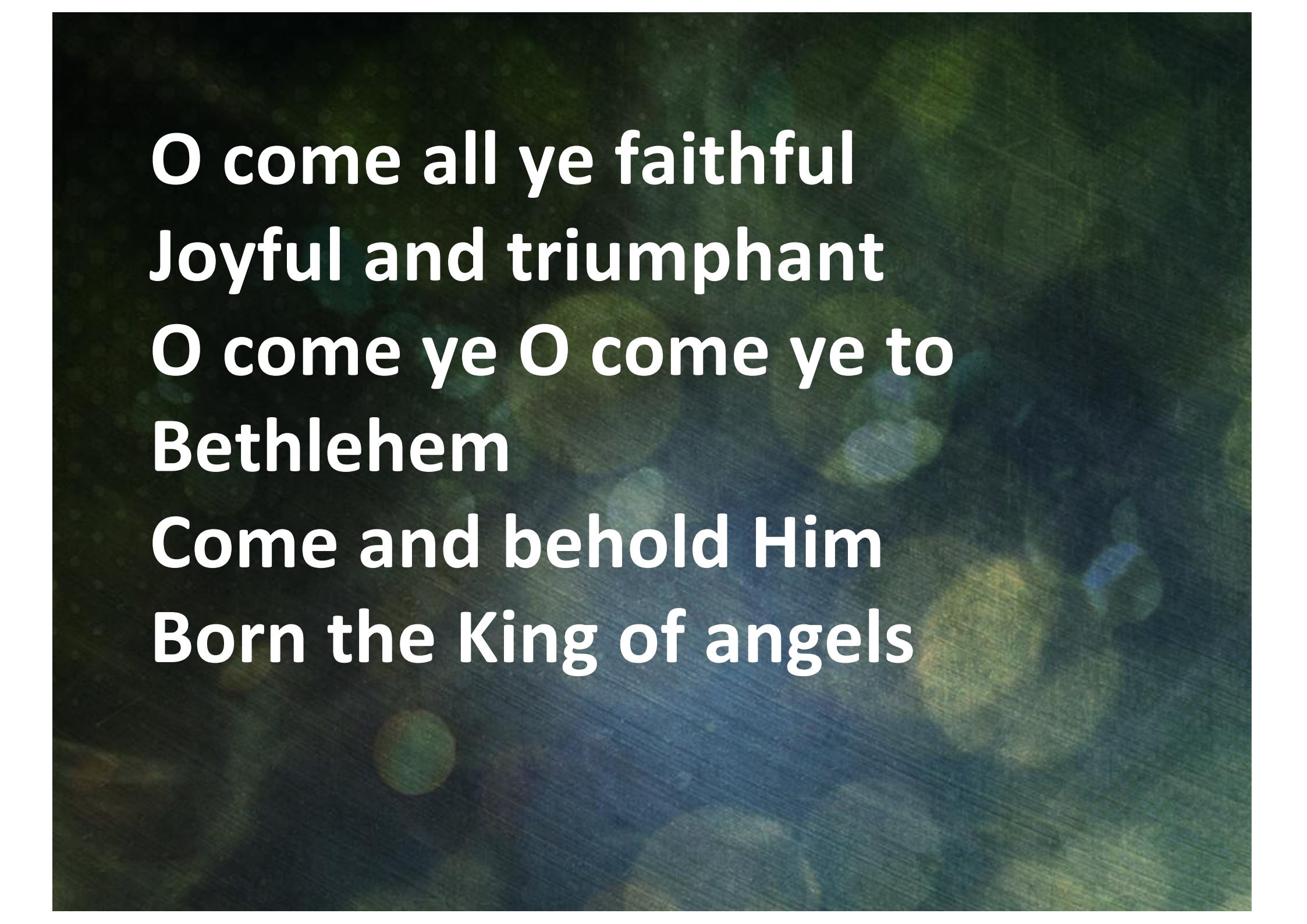
And then we found out!

God's own Son is on his way,

Born for us on Christmas Day!

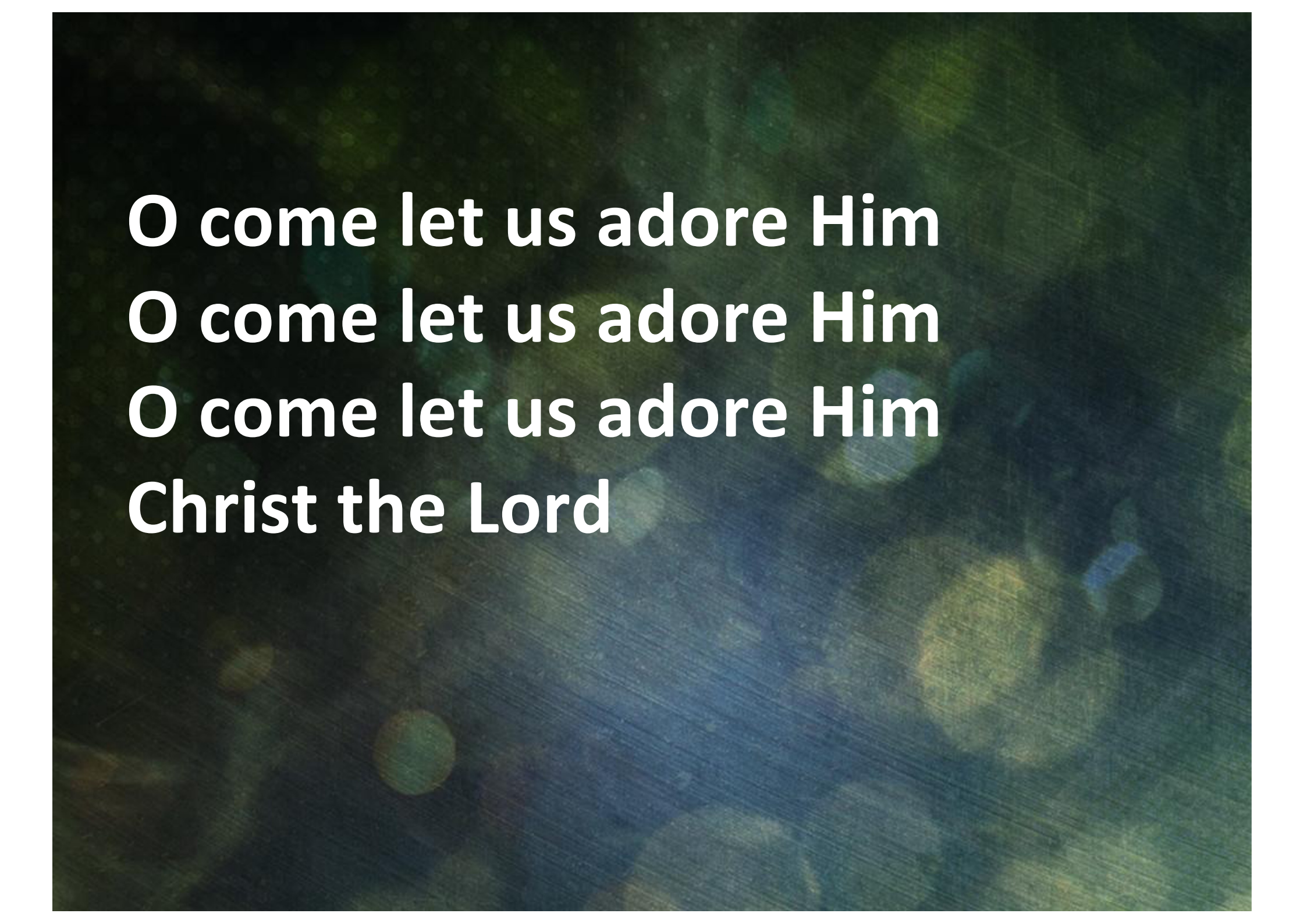
**HAPPY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!**

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**O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye O come ye to  
Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels**





O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord





**God of God**

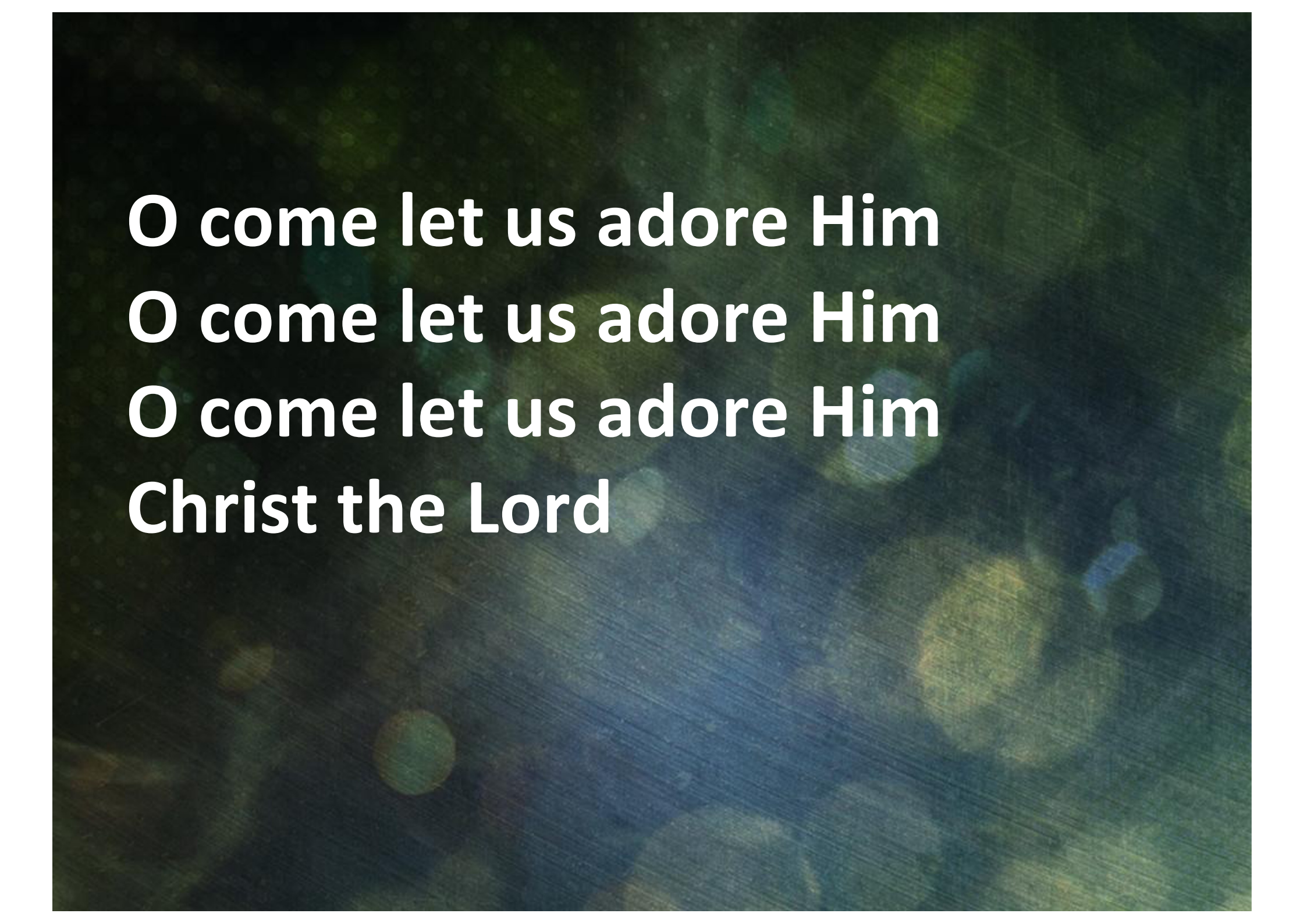
**Light of light**

**Lo He abhors not the virgin's  
womb**

**Very God**

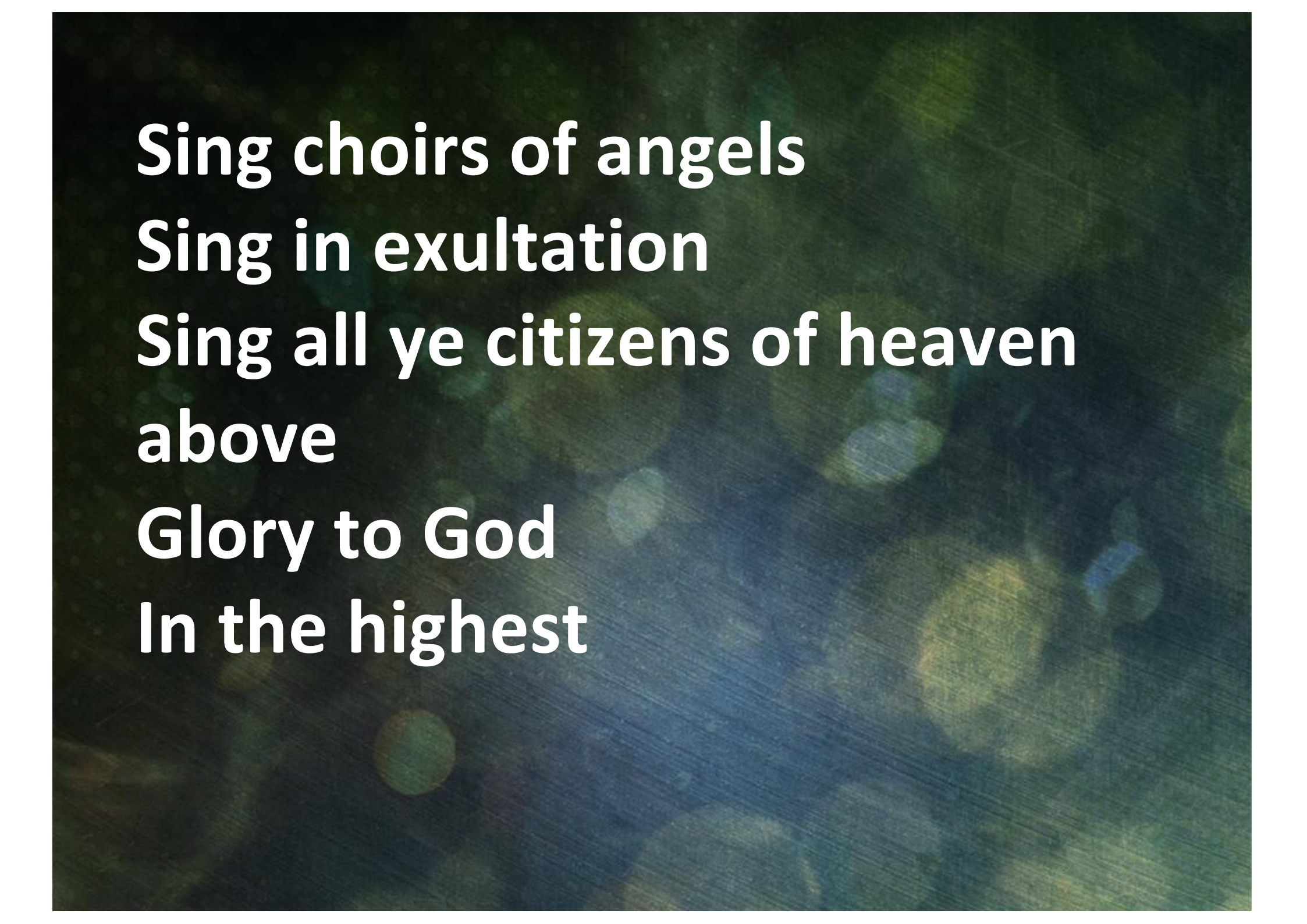
**Begotten not created**





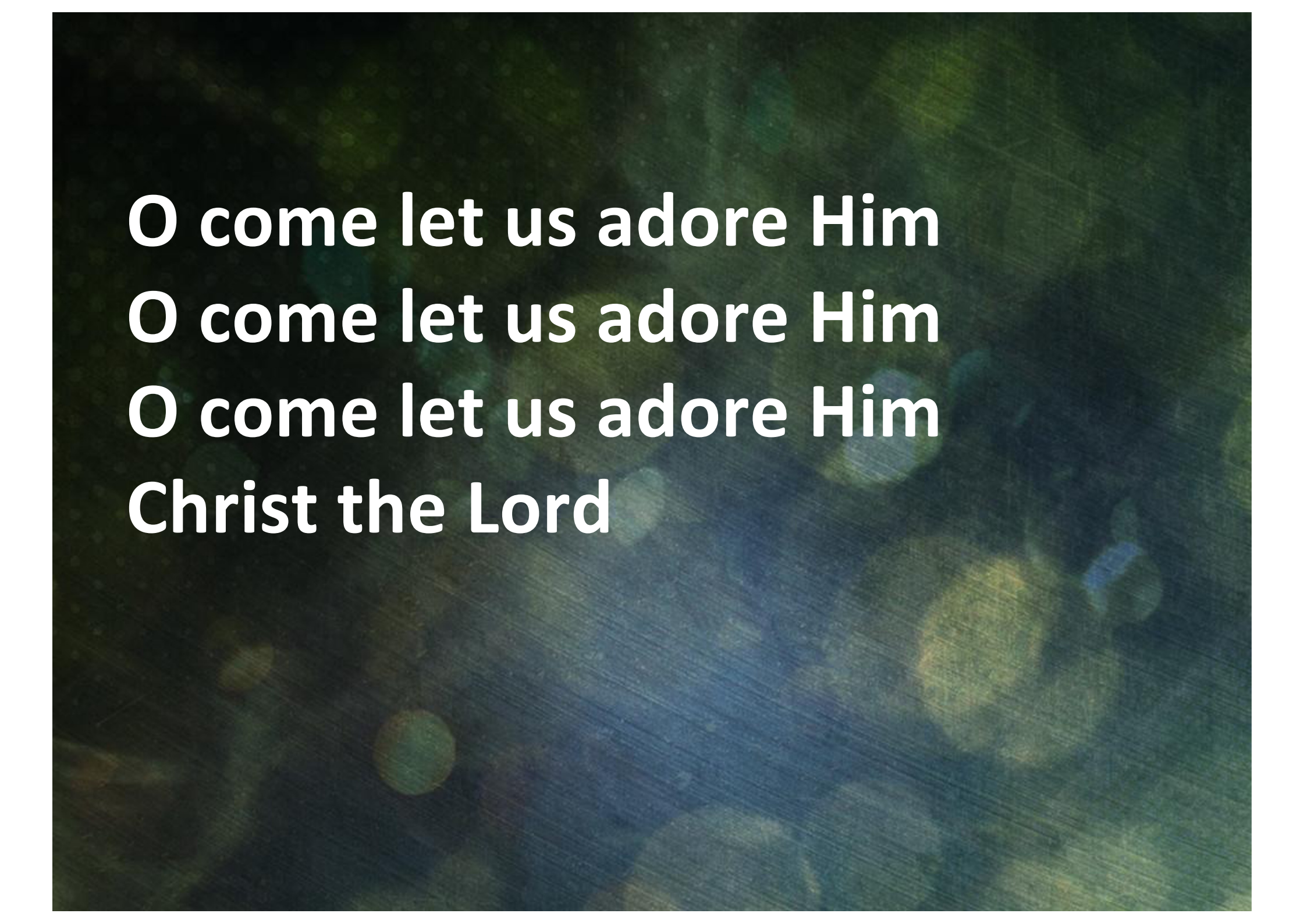
**O come let us adore Him  
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O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord**



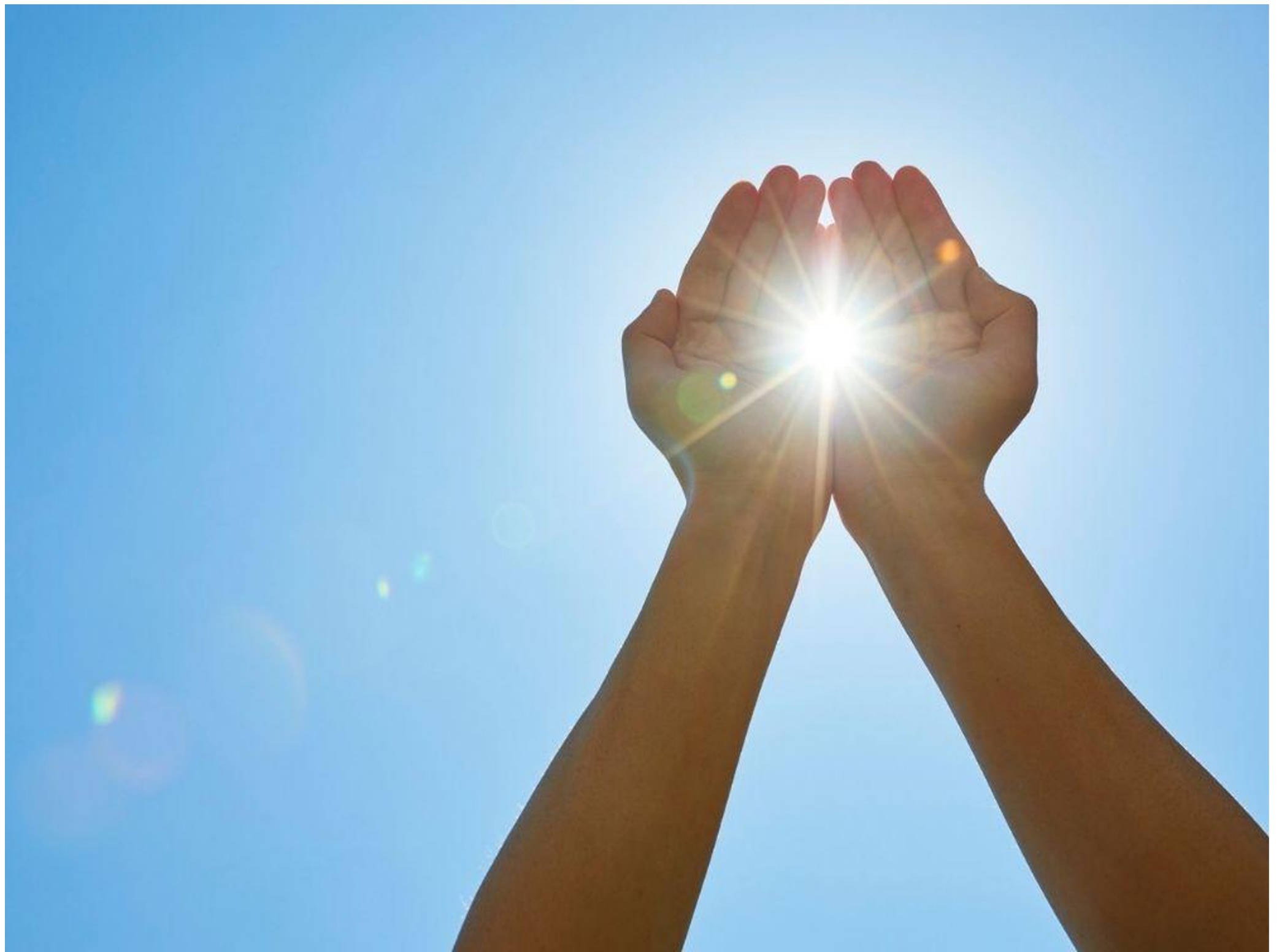


**Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven  
above  
Glory to God  
In the highest**





**O come let us adore Him  
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O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord**









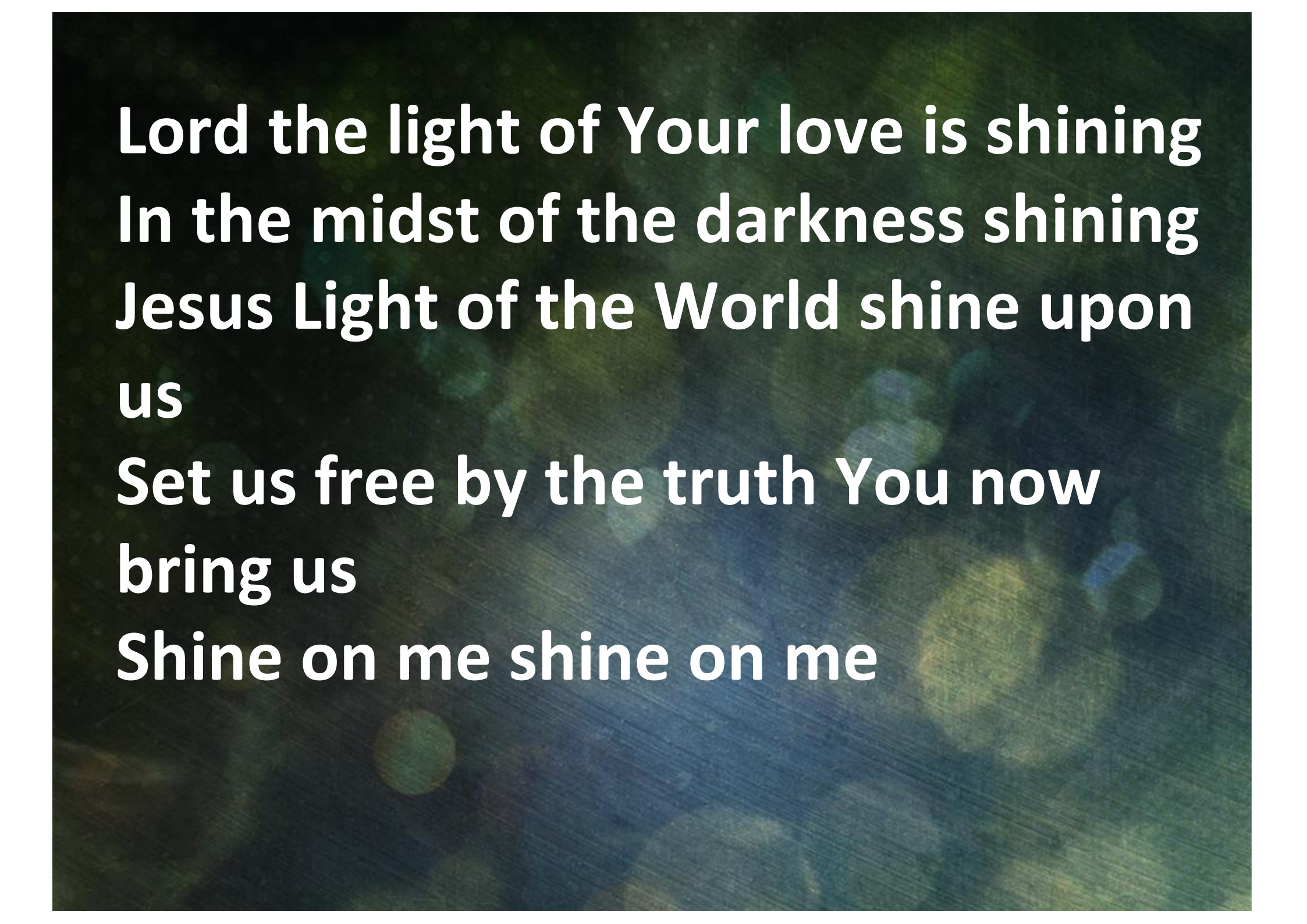


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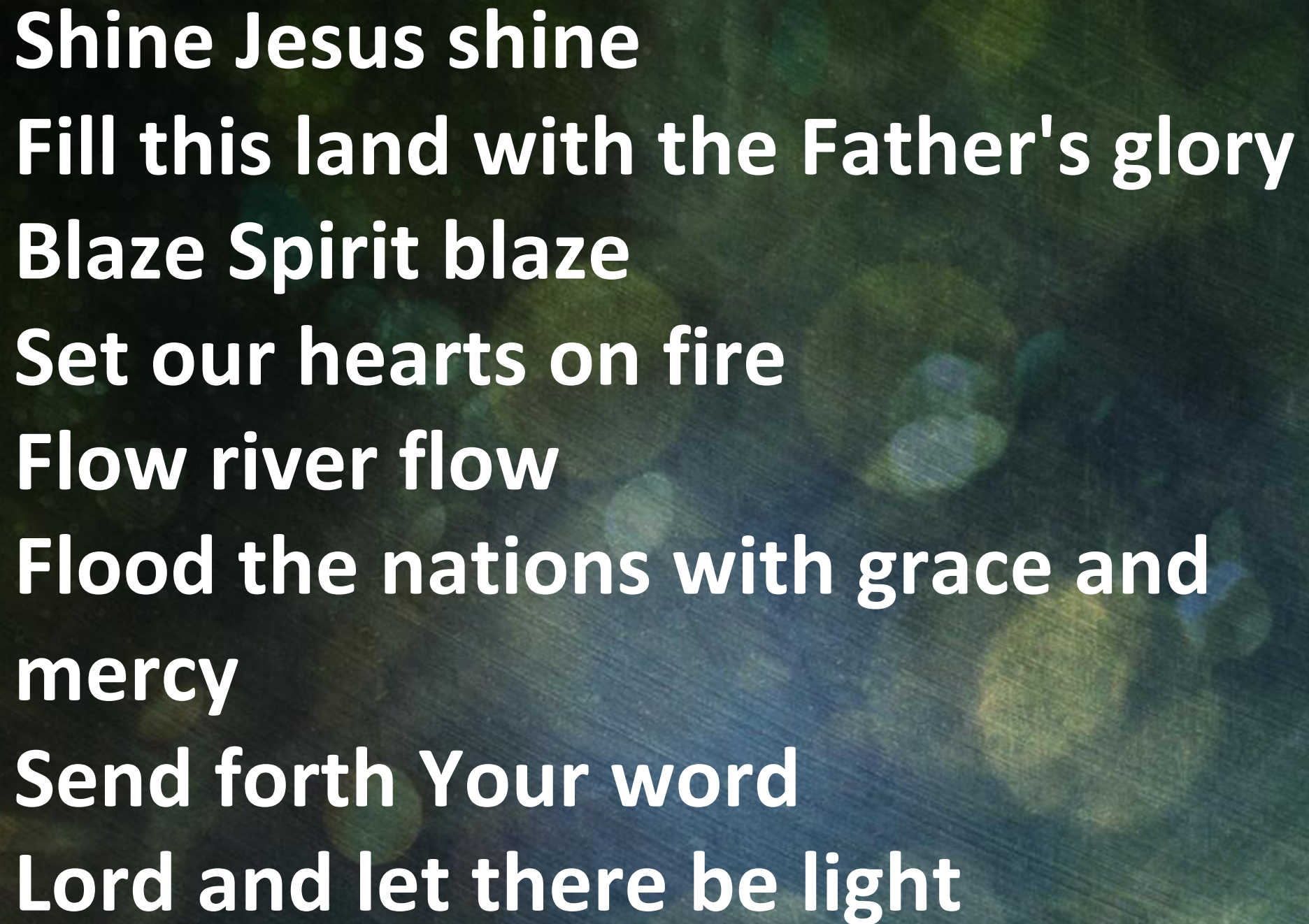


Lord the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus Light of the World shine upon  
us

Set us free by the truth You now  
bring us

Shine on me shine on me





**Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow  
Flood the nations with grace and  
mercy  
Send forth Your word  
Lord and let there be light**





Lord I come to Your awesome  
presence

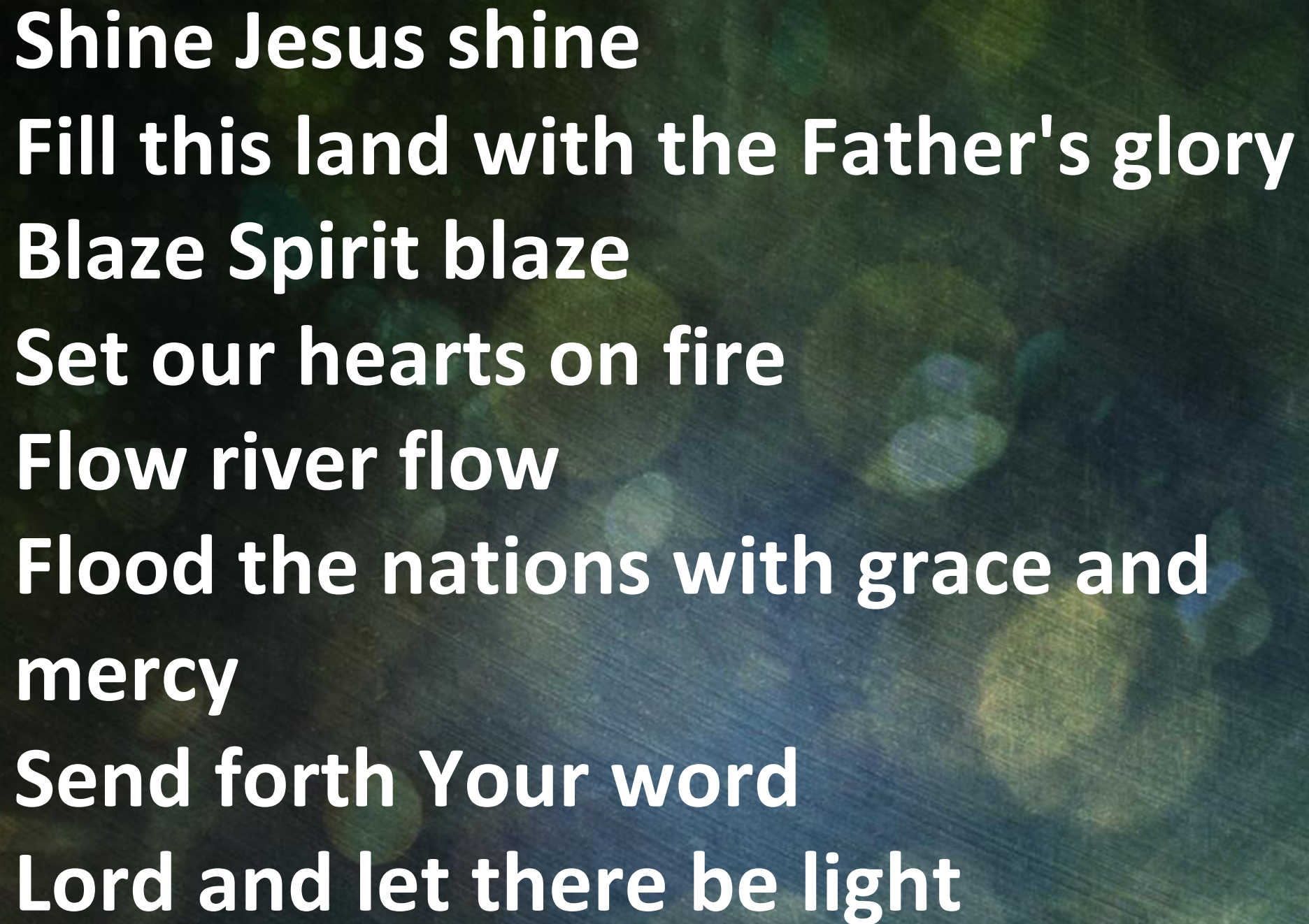
From the shadows into Your  
radiance

By the blood I may enter Your  
brightness

Search me try me consume all my  
darkness

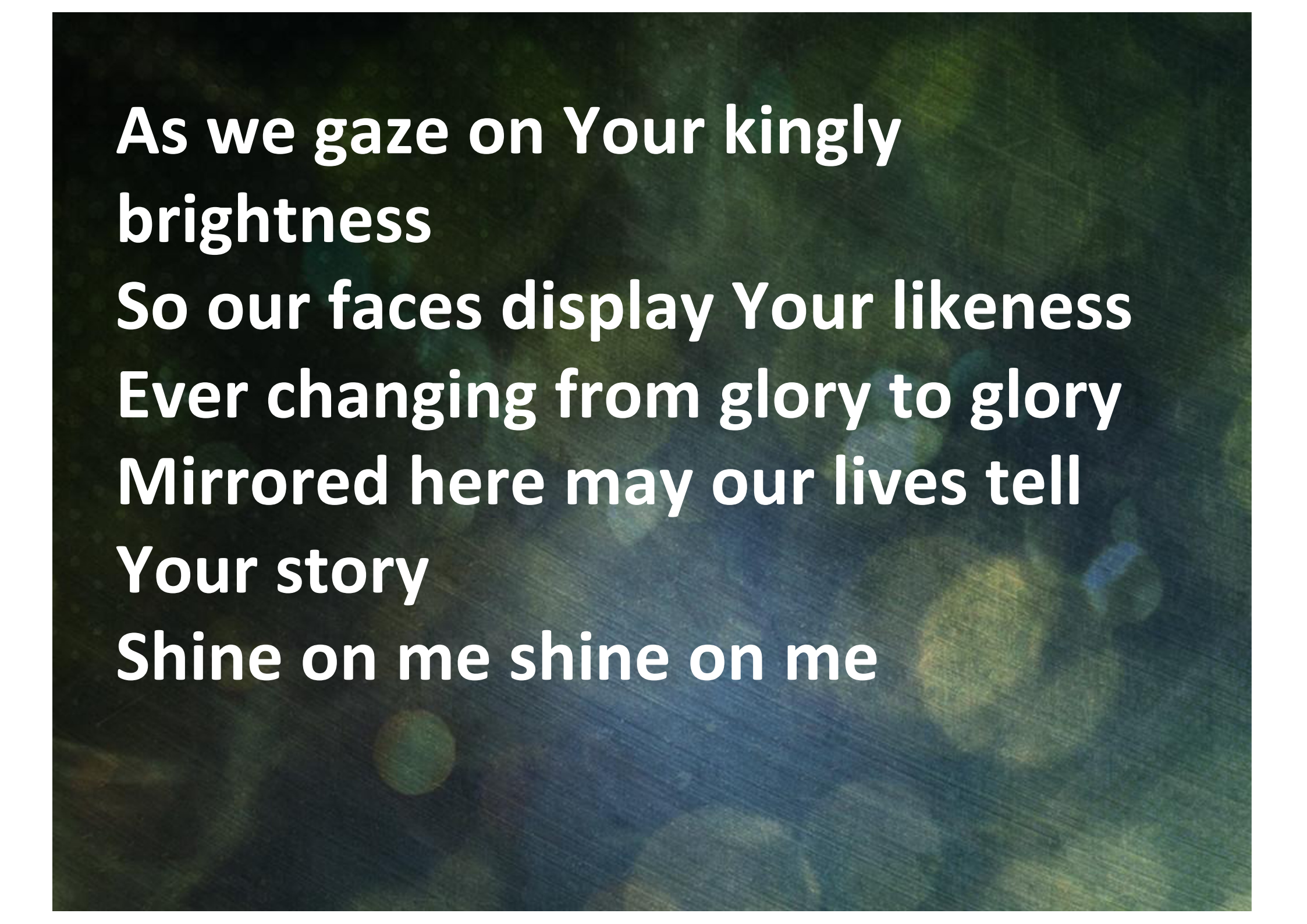
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**As we gaze on Your kingly  
brightness**

**So our faces display Your likeness**

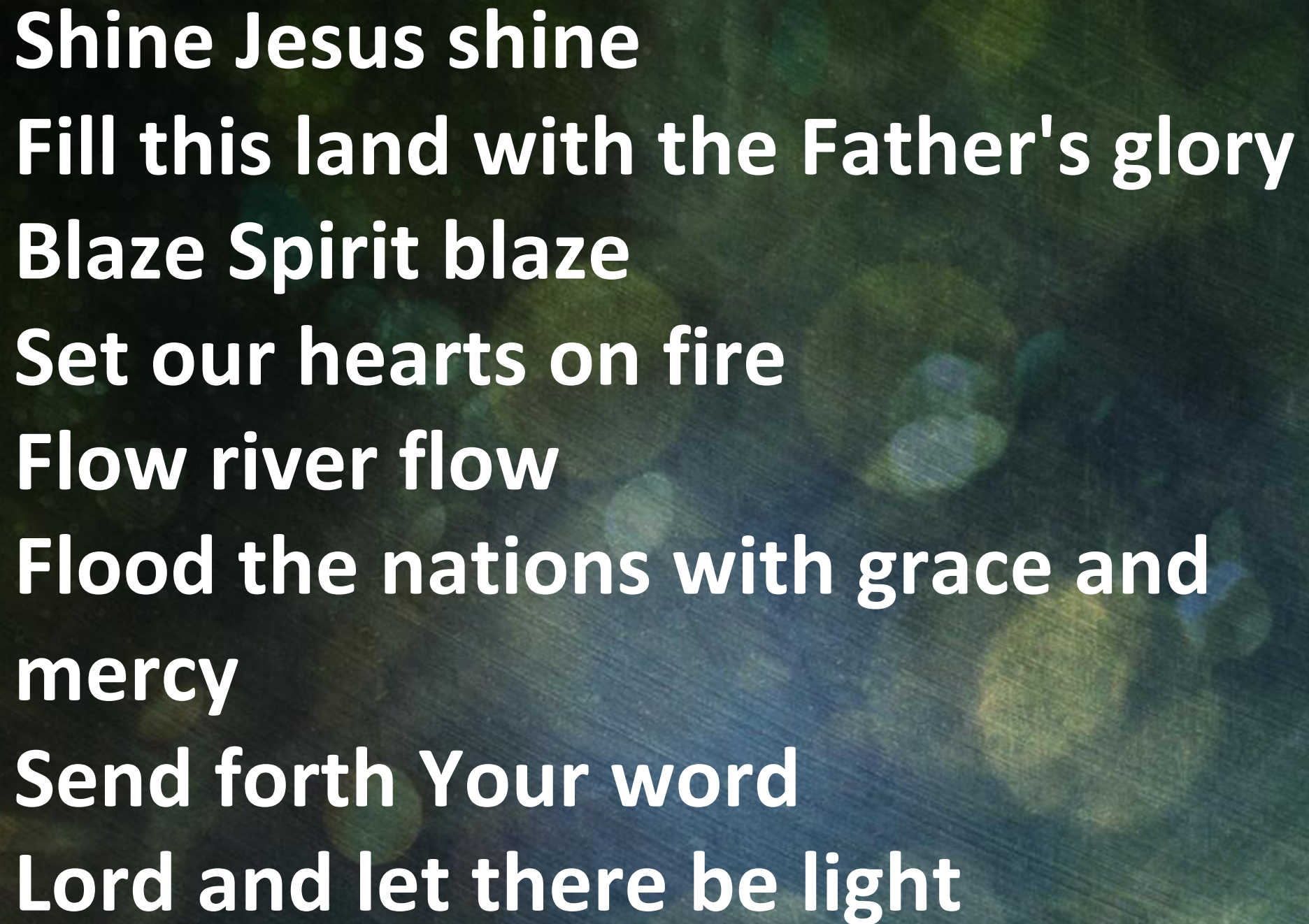
**Ever changing from glory to glory**

**Mirrored here may our lives tell**

**Your story**

**Shine on me shine on me**





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Flow river flow  
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mercy  
Send forth Your word  
Lord and let there be light**

# JOY

**Celebrate Christmas @ St Mary's Hanwell**

**Christmas Day - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Family Christmas Celebration 10.30am**

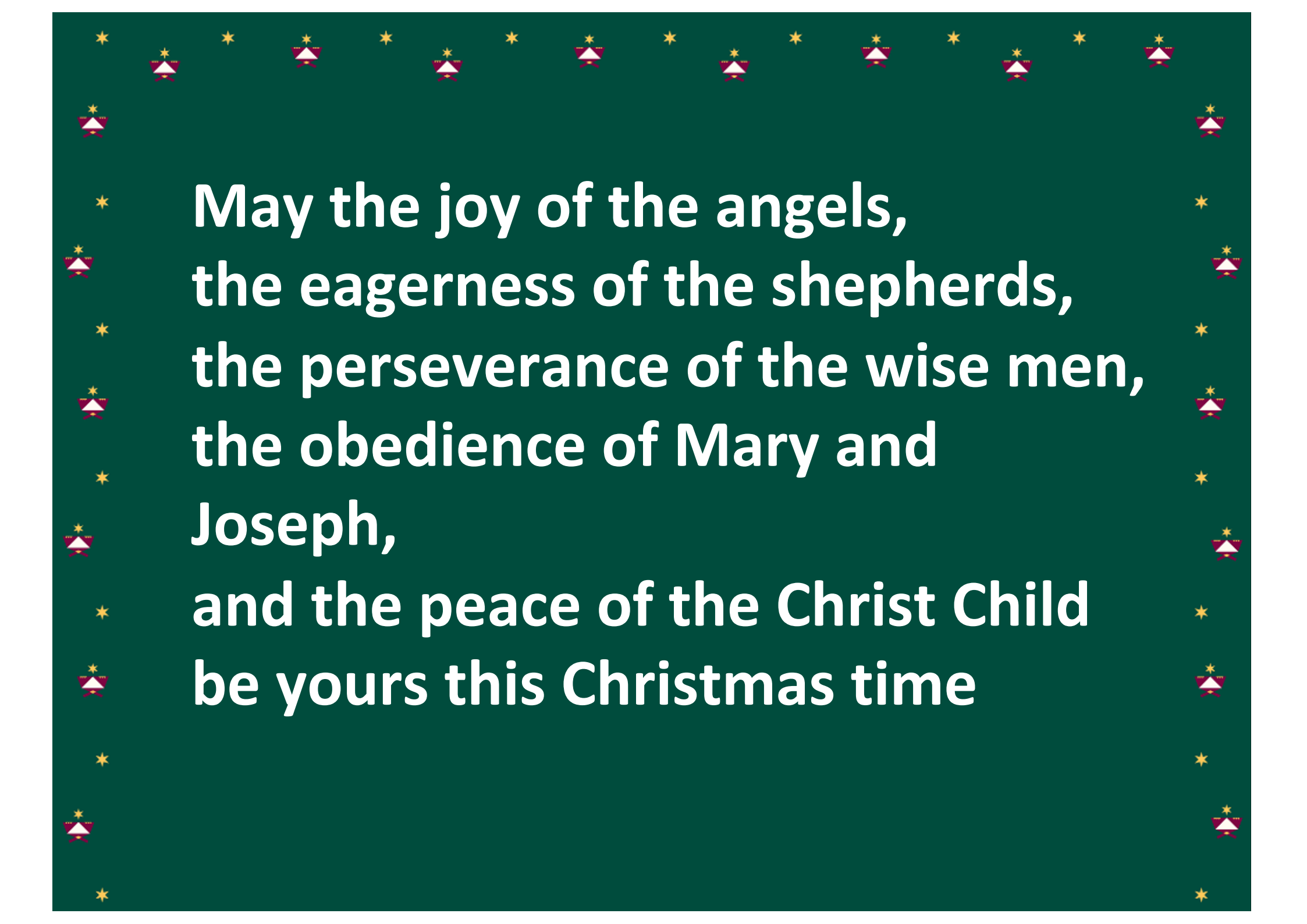
**New Year's Day - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January**  
**Open Afternoon - 2-4pm**



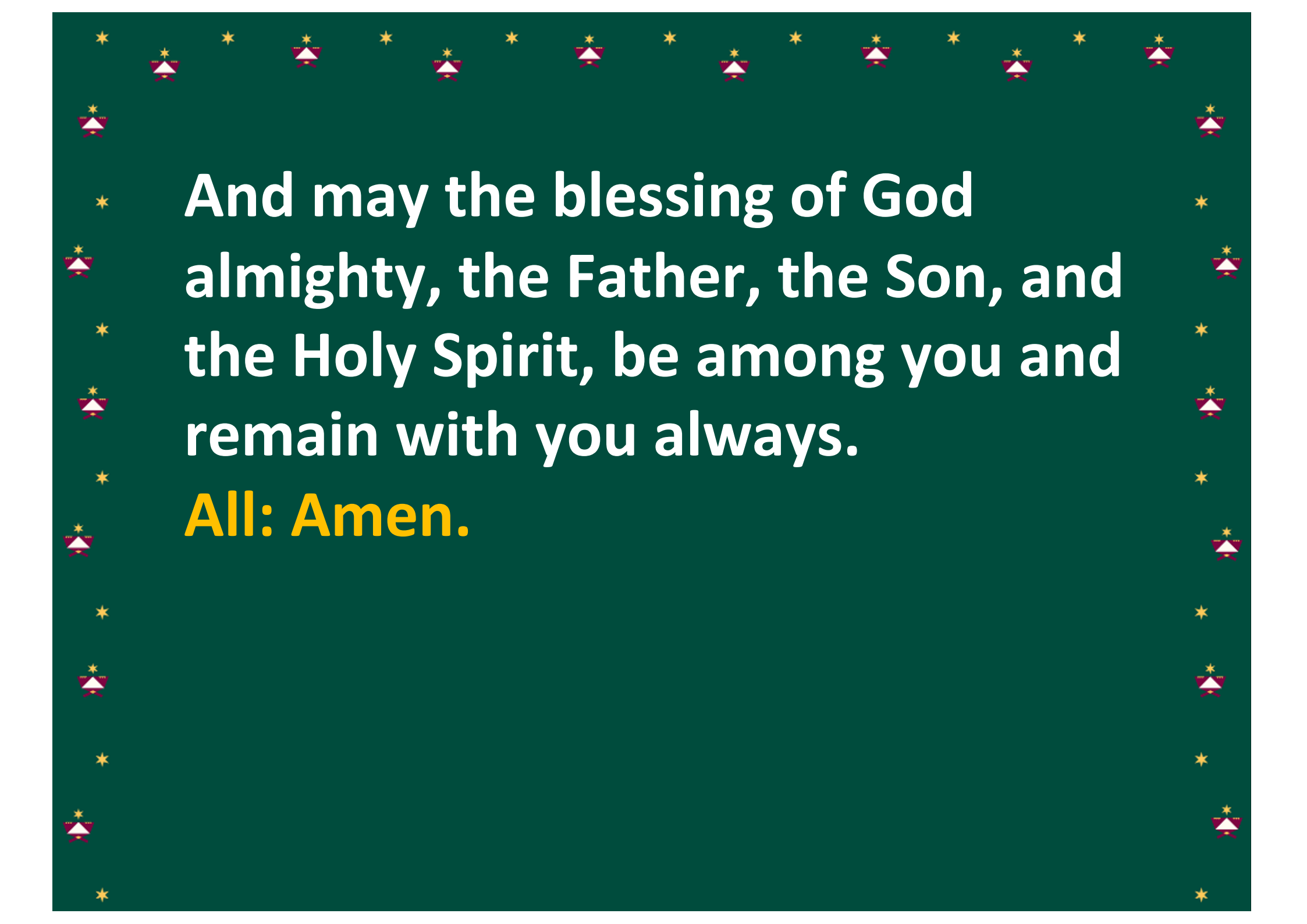
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May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Mary and  
Joseph,  
and the peace of the Christ Child  
be yours this Christmas time



And may the blessing of God  
almighty, the Father, the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, be among you and  
remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**





**Please follow the stewards  
directions to exit**

**Wishing you all a blessed  
and joyful Christmas  
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