

A day, a day of glory!

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1. A day, a day of glo - ry, a day that ends our woe, a
 2. With Glo - ria in ex - cel - sis, Arch - an - gels tell their mirth: with
 3. He comes, his throne the man - ger; He comes his shrine the stall; the
 4. Then bar the gates that hence - forth None comes thus may pas - sage win, be -

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day that tells of tri - umph a - gainst our van - quish'd foe. Yield
 Ky - ri - e el - ei - son men - ans - wer up - on earth: And
 ox and ass his court - iers, who made and gov - erns all: The
 cause the Prince of Is - rael a lone hath en - ter'd in The

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sum - mer's bright - est sun - rise, to this De - cem - ber morn: Lift
 "an - gels swell the tri - umph, and mor - tals sound the horn: Lift
 earth, the Bread" his birth - place, the Prince of wine and corn: Lift
 the sky, the o - cean his glo - rious way a - dorn: Lift

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up your gates, ye prin - ces, and let the child be born.
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* The old Hebrew name bêth lehem, meaning "house of bread", has survived till the present day. In its Arabic form, however, bêth lahm, it means "house of meat". Several scholars (Smith, Hist. Geog. of the Holy Land, 1906) hold that the name is connected with Lakhmu, one of the divinities in the Babylonian Creation myth and that Bethlehem was a sacred shrine of that god in ancient times. This is possible, but there is no actual evidence in favour of the conjecture. Two cities of the name are known from Sacred Scripture: Bethlehem and Bethlehem of Judea.

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