

JASON (as shepherds walk among sheep): The sheep are very restless tonight. I wonder why?

MICAH: Maybe there's a wild animal nearby and they're telling each other about it!

DAVID: No, I don't think so. The night is so bright that it must be keeping the sheep awake.

JASON: It is very bright. Look at all the stars out tonight (pointing toward heaven). That's more stars than I've ever seen before!

DAVID: It's such a beautiful night that it almost seems as if something special should happen.

MICAH: How about the coming of the Messiah, that would be special!

JASON: That would be special, but how would we know that He was coming?

DAVID: I know! Maybe an angel will come from heaven and tell everyone that the Messiah is here.

JASON: If these sheep saw an angel, they'd really be restless (pause), and I would too!

(Enter 3 angels as narration begins.)

NARRATOR: And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them:

ANGEL 1 (arms extended): Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people (arms remain extended).

ANGEL 2 (arms extended): For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord (arms remain extended).

ANGEL 3 (arms extended): And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger (arms remain extended).

NARRATOR (as additional angels enter): And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

ALL ANGELS (arms extended): Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men (arms remain extended through stanza 1 of "Glory To God").

"Glory To God" (stanza 1)/Choir

(The following narration occurs during the soft piano interlude between stanzas 1 and 2 of "Glory To God." Angels exit during narration.)

NARRATOR: And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

"Glory To God" (stanza 2)/Choir (Shepherds and sheep move to manger scene during stanza 2. Elish and Jabin enter to manger scene from back stage.)

NARRATOR: And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

ELIAH: God has kept His promise. The Messiah has come.

JABIN: Just think, Elish, this baby will become our king some day.

ELIAH: His kingdom will never end, Jabin, and His rule will be fair!

NARRATOR: And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

"Finale: Bell Carol"/Choir and entire cast (cast enters during piano introduction).

(Exit entire cast and choir as piano accompaniment continues after finale.)