

Can You Hear the Angels Singing?
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Luke 2:8-14 NIV

1. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel.
 - a. Suddenly: without warning or prior announcement
 - b. The angels were nowhere to be seen and all at once they filled the skies.
 - c. The great divide in the world comes right here. Some people hear the angels and others don't. (2 Kings 6:16-17)
2. Some people do not hear because they choose not to.
 - a. "You won't find one intelligent person who feels the need for the supernatural" Dr. Richard Dawkins
 - b. Nikita Khrushchev "Gagarin flew into space but he did not see any God there."
3. Angels Everywhere
 - a. The Supernatural element surrounds the birth of Christ.
 - b. We can catch a glimpse of the "other world."
 - c. The Christmas story reminds believers that even though we live in this world, we are citizens of another world. (Hebrews 11:10 NLT)
4. Say Goodbye to De Queen
 - a. This world is fading away (1 John 2:17)
 - b. There is nothing we can do to save ourselves.
 - c. If salvation is to come, it must come from another world.
5. The Greatest Miracle at Christmas
 - a. We who live in this world have been visited from someone from the other world.
 - b. Print the following verses on the outline (John 3:16 NKJV)
 - c. Titus 2:11 ESV
 - d. Philippians 2:6-7 ESV
 - e. John 1:14 ESV

Jesus, we kneel before you in silent amazement.

Thank you that, because of your birth, we know that our Father is with us.

May we welcome you, not in a cold manger of a heart,

But in a heart so pure, a heart warm with love for one another.

Jesus, you are—

The tender holy Babe;

The Shepherd of your flock;

The Healing Person;

The Christ of the people;

The world-pervading God;

Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Jesus, you are—

The Glory of eternity who now shines among us;

Son of the High King of the universe;

Splendor of the Father;

Source of life;

Prince of Peace;

Wonderful Counselor;

Son of Mary;

Pattern of goodness;

Friend of all;

Brother of the poor;

Champion of justice;

Joy of angels.

Jesus, in you we see God's face—

Gentle;

Smiling;

Strong;

Loving;

Obedient.

Jesus, you radiate what the world so needs today—

Gentleness, tenderness, light and hope.

In you, may we find—

Gentleness as the answer to violence;

Tenderness as the answer to ill-will;

Light as the answer to lies;

Hope as the answer to despair.

Your mercy brings forgiveness.

Have mercy on us, bring us to true sorrow for our sins,

Give us eternal life.

For your glory fills eternity;

Your glory fills the universe.

Amen.