
FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME

Vom Himmel Hoch

Words

Translated from Martin Luther

Music

Arranged by Alfred Dörffel

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From heaven above to earth I come.

Translated by Catherine Winkworth from Martin Luther
(Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her)

Vom Himmel hoch Melody from Martin Luther
arranged by Alfred Dörffel

1. From heav'n a - bove_ to earth I come, to
 2. To you, this night, is born a child of
 3. 'Tis Christ our God, who far on high had
 4. He brings those bless - ings long a - go pre -
 5. These are the to - kens ye shall mark, the
 6. Now let us all, with glad - some cheer, fol -
 7. Give heed, my heart, lift up thine eyes! What
 8. Wel - come to earth, thou no - ble guest, through

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1. bear good news to_ ev - ery home; glad ti - dings of_ great
 2. Ma - ry cho - sen_ mo - ther mild this lit - tle child of
 3. heard your sad and_ bit - ter cry; him - self will your sal -
 4. pared by God for_ all be - low; hence - forth his king - dom
 5. swad - dling clothes and_ man - ger dark; there shall ye find the
 6. low the shep - herds, and draw near To see this won - drous
 7. is it in yon man - ger lies? Who is this child, so
 8. whom the sin - ful_ world is blest! Thou com'st to share our

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1. joy I bring, where - of I now will_ say_ and sing.
 2. low - ly birth, shall be the joy of_ all_ your earth.
 3. va - tion be, him - self from sin will_ make you free.
 4. o - pen stands to you, as to the_ an - gel bands.
 5. young child laid, by whom the heav'ns and_ earth were made.
 6. gift of God, who hath his on - ly_ Son_ be - stowed.
 7. young and fair? The bless - ed Christ child li - eth there!
 8. mis - er - y, what thanks shall I re - turn_ to thee?

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9. Ah, Lord who hast cre - a - ted all, how
 10. Were earth a thous - and times as fair, be -
 11. For vel - vets soft and silk - en stuff thou
 12. Thus hath it pleased thee to make plain the
 13. Ah! dear - est Je - sus, ho - ly child, make
 14. My heart for ve - ry joy doth leap, my
 15. Glo - ry to God in high - est heaven, who

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9. hast thou made thee weak and small, that thou must choose thy
 10. set with gold and jew - els rare, she yet were far too
 11. hast but hay and straw so rough, where - on thou King, so
 12. truth to us poor fools and vain, that this world's hon - our,
 13. thee a bed, soft un - de - filed, with - in my heart that
 14. lips no more can si - lence keep; I too must sing with
 15. un - to man his Son hath given! While an - hels sing with

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9. in - fant bed where ass and ox but late - ly fed!
 10. poor to be a nar - row cra - dle, Lord, for thee.
 11. rich and great, as 'twere thy heaven, art throned in state.
 12. wealth and might are nought and worth - less in thy sight.
 13. it may be a qui - et cham - ber kept for thee.
 14. joy - ful tongue that sweet - est an - cient cra - dle song.
 15. pi - ous mirth a glad new year to all the earth.