

Angels we have heard on high

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.

Tune: *McShane* 77. 77 with refrain
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The hymn tune McShane honors the mathematician Edward James McShane (1904-1989), Professor Emeritus of the University of Virginia, member of the National Academy of Sciences, and avid amateur musician. It was composed shortly before his death. The two descants and alternate fourth stanza harmonization were added later.

2 Shep - herds, why this jub - bi - lee? — Why — your joy - ous strains — pro - long,

1 Ang - els we have heard — on high, sweet - ly sing - ing oe'r — the
2 Shep - herds, why this jub - bi - lee? Why — your joy - ous strains — pro -
3 Come to Beth - le - hem — and see Christ — whose birth the an - - - gel's

8 joy - ous strains pro - long? What — the glad - some, glad - some — tid - ings be —

8 plain, and the moun - tains in — re - ply
long? What the glad - some tid - - - ings be
sing; come, a - dore on bend - - - ed knee,

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which in - spire your heav'n - ly song, which in - spire your hea'vn - ly song?

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ech - o - ing their joy - - - ous strain:
 which in - spire your heav'n - - - ly song?
 Christ the Lord, the new - - - born King.

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Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis, Glori - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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4 See him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of an - gels praise,

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4 See him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of an - gels

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choirs of an-gels praise, Ma - ry Jo - seph, lend your aid, lend your aid, while our

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praise; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our

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hearts in love we raise, our hearts in love we raise. *Glo-ri-a, Glo - ri - a in ex - cel-sis De - o!*

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hearts in love we raise. *Glo-ri-a in ex - cel-sis De - o!*

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Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - - - sis De - o!