

First Presbyterian Church of Naples Christmas Concert 2020

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Angels' Carol

JOHN RUTTER

Have you heard the sound of the angel voices ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly as a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?
Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven to the humble shepherds who have waited long? Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels sing their joyful song. He is come in peace in the winter's stillness, like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night; He is come in joy like the sun at morning filling all the world with radiance and with light. He is come in love as the child of Mary; in a simple stable we have seen his birth: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear them sing 'Peace on earth'. He will bring new light to a world in darkness, like a bright star shining in the skies above; He will bring new hope to the waiting nations when he comes to reign in purity and love. Let the earth rejoice at the Saviour's coming; let the heavens answer with the joyful morn: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing 'Christ is born'.

Baby, What You Goin' to Be?

NATALIE SLEETH

Baby, lyin' in a manger, slumberin' so sweetly, what you goin' to be? Baby, all the world is watchin', all the world awaits to see. What will you be? Little babe in a stable under the heaven, O what did you come here to say? Little one, did you come to light our way? O look! See the cattle asleep, see the shepherds beside, see the wise-men, they bow unto you! Baby, will you be the master? Will you bring the kingdom too? Alleluia! Baby, hope of all the people, O what did you come here to say? Baby, can you be the savior, come to save the world one day? Baby, lyin' in a manger, will you save the world one day?

Birthday Carol

DAVID WILLCOCKS

Rejoice today with one accord, Alleluia, this is the birthday of our Lord. Alleluia. *Gloria in excelsis, Gloria Deo!* Shepherds abiding in the field, to them God's glory was reveal'd. And to the shepherds sore afraid, an angel said, 'Be not dismayed. Tidings of joy to you I bring, Today is born a heav'nly King. And ye shall find in manger laid, The Babe in swaddling clothes

arrayed.' A host of angels fill'd the sky, Thus singing praise to God on high. Now join we all the angel throng, and let our voices swell the song: *Gloria in excelsis, Gloria Deo!*

A Christmas Lullaby

DAN FORREST

Lullaby, lullaby, rest now my darling, close your eyes, dreaming is nigh. Lullaby, lullaby, angel voices softly singing carols for their newborn King. Lullaby, lullaby, whisper and sigh, lullaby. Silently waiting, all creation greets the Child; Lullaby, Holy Child, fulfill our longing, our foretold salvation bring.

Go Tell it on the Mountain

ARR. KEN BURTON

Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and ev'rywhere, Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo, above the earth, rang out the angel chorus, that hailed our Savior's birth. There in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born and brought us God's salvation that blessed birthday morn.