



# Christmas Carol Language Analysis

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic hosts proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! the herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest Heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! the herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the Heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! the herald angels sing:  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

### **Extension**

Write an extra verse with the Christmas message that you wish to proclaim. Try to follow the same metre and rhyme scheme.

Define each of the underlined words. Use their context in the carol to help you.

Hark:

herald:

reconciled:

proclaim:

Look up any other words in the carol that you are unfamiliar with.

How is Christ shown to be special and praiseworthy?

Identify one example of repetition and one example of alliteration and explain their effect.