Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional French, tr. James Chadwick (1862) · public domain · refrain after each verse

1. Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

> *Refrain:*
> Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
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2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

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