



FROM HEAVEN ABOVE

CHRISTMAS AT WARTBURG

DECEMBER 12, 1976 AT 8:00 P.M.

KNIGHTS GYMNASIUM

WAVERLY, IOWA

PRELUDE

Cathedral Chorus

Alfred Reed

FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME

From Heaven Above

Johann Sebastian Bach

NARRATOR: *The Lord possessed Me in the beginning, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting, and before the earth was made. When He prepared the heavens, I was there: when He established the foundations of the earth, then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him. Now therefore hearken unto Me, O ye children: I have loved thee with an everlasting love, and lo I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent Me unto thee.*

**Alleluya, a New Work is Come
And the Word Was Flesh**

**William Mathias
Heinz Werner Zimmermann**

FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME

AUDIENCE:

From heaven above to earth I come
To bear good news to every home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:

**Kling, Glockchen, Kling
Carol of Joy**

**German Carol, Arr. James Fritschel
Spanish Carol, Arr. Richard Zgodava**

NARRATOR: *Behold, I will do a new thing. A new heart will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you. I will transform your stony hearts, hardened by sin, and give you new hearts filled with love. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall be my people and I will be your God.*

THIS IS THE CHRIST, OUR GOD AND LORD

**Salvation is Created
God's Son has Made Me Free**

**Paul Tschesnokov
Edvard Greig**

AUDIENCE:

The first noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in
fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping
their sheep
On a cold winter's night that
was so deep.
NOEL, BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond
them far;
And to the earth it gave great
light,
And so it continued both day
and night.
NOEL, BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL

NARRATOR: *And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all the people went to be taxed, every one to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David: to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.*

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TO YOU THIS NIGHT IS BORN A CHILD

**Birth
He is Born**

**Leland Sateren
French Carol, Arr. Robert Wetzler**

NARRATOR: *And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*

THESE ARE THE TOKENS YE SHALL MARK

We Will Rock You

Czech Carol, Arr. Frank Pooler

AUDIENCE:

Away in a manger,
No crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head,
The stars in the sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing,
The poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes,
I love Thee Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle
Till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to say
Close by me forever,
And love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven,
To live with Thee there.

There is No Rose

John Paynter

NARRATOR: *Now there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for, behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.*

GO WITH THE SHEPHERDS AND DRAW NEAR

**What Child is This
Christmas March**

**English Carol, Arr. Carlton Young
Carols, Arr. Applebaum and Gordon**

NARRATOR: *And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.*

AH, DEAREST JESUS, HOLY CHILD

Mary Had a Baby **Negro Spiritual, Arr. Dawson**
Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day **English Carol, Arr. Fissinger**

NARRATOR: *And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.*

Go We Now Caroling **James Sutcliffe**

NARRATOR: *Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.*

THEN CAME THREE WISEMEN FROM AFAR

The Three Kings **Spanish Carol, Arr. Romeu**
German Christmas Music **Arr. James Ployhar**

NARRATOR: *All the earth shall worship Thee, and shall sing unto Thee: they shall sing to Thy Name, O Thou most High. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of His Name, make His praise glorious.*

MY HEART FOR VERY JOY DOTH LEAP

Make a Joyful Noise **Heinz Werner Zimmermann**
Go Tell It On The Mountain **Negro Spiritual, Arr. Fissinger**

AUDIENCE:

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Nowell, Nowell

Come, to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the new born King.
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

William Mathias

NARRATOR: *From heaven above to earth He comes
To bring good news to every home
Glad tidings of great joy He brings
Whereof we now will say and sing:*

AUDIENCE: (Sing Twice)

Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto us His Son hath given!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.

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