

My Loved Ones:

God says in Luke 2:9 - 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.

Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley are known as the greatest in English hymnody. Scholars agree and number three on the list should be James Montgomery. His parents were Moravian missionaries in the West Indies. While he was at a seminary in England, he heard that both his parents died on the mission field. James left the seminary and became quite discouraged in life. At 23 years of age, he became editor of a newspaper and held that position for the next 31 years. He did this because he loved to write. He gave up the paper at age 53, to devote himself to promote foreign missions, a cause dear to his heart. By this time, he was awarded an annual pension of \$1,000 by the government as a reward for his many contributions to English society.

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” first appeared in an edition of Montgomery’s newspaper on 24 December, 1816.

May we do the same as the angels, wise men and shepherd in truly adoring the Lord this Christmas time.

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:

Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.

We love you and are praying for you today.