



Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

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1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of
 4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,
 worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
 sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,
 hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,



Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!
 To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

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The hymn’s opening phrase reminds one of when angels came to the shepherds, announcing Jesus’ birth. Luke 2:13-14 states: “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!’” The angels’ song in verse 14 is called the *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*. “In the highest” is a reference to heaven, where God dwells.

The second phrase in verse 1 of our hymn matches the angels’ words “peace among those with whom he is pleased” (Luke 2:14). Peace is not assured to all, but only to those pleasing to God—the objects of his good pleasure. The peace here is a perfect relationship with God, made possible by the saving work of Jesus. That peace is ours, as his precious, faith-abiding children.

The rest of verse 1 tells why Jesus came and what he did while on earth. The redemption that Jesus won resulted in many souls being bought back from sin and damnation. That wonderful work is also celebrated in heaven, as Luke 15:10 states: “I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Verse 2 reminds us of Jesus’ promise to send us his Holy Spirit. Jesus tells his disciples “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you” (John 14:18). We can be comforted because what he tells his disciples is also true for us.

Verse 3 is a celebratory verse that brings joy, reminding us that our sins are forgiven, and therefore there is hope for the whole world. This expectation buoys us up and allows our delight be shared with others around us.

Verse 4 has several comparison and contrast phrases. All of them leave us with cheer and comfort.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for leaving heaven and rescuing us from the sin that so easily besets us. Thank you for bringing us inconceivable tranquility. Help us share the bliss with others. Amen.