



THE SONGS OF
CHRISTMAS

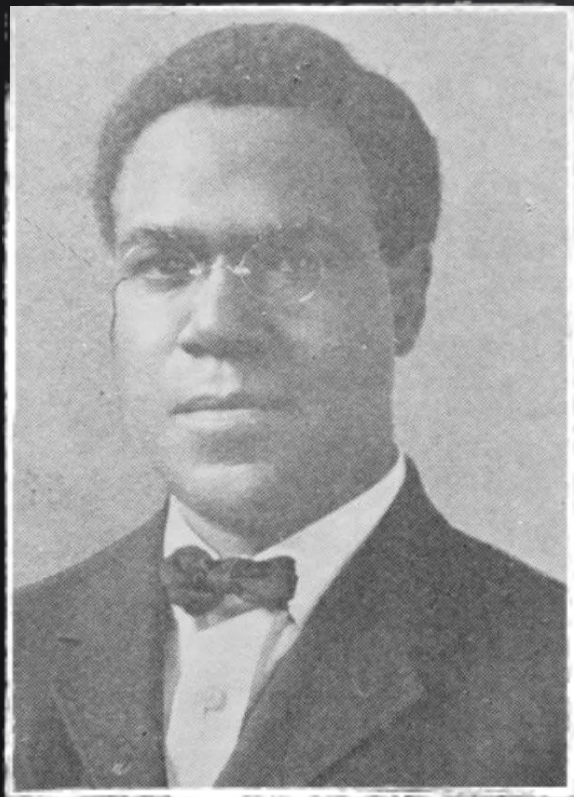




**“Go Tell It
On the Mountain”**

How does this carol make you feel?

What words would you use to describe the emotions of this song?



John Wesley
Work, Jr.



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Why might those suffering in slavery
identify with the experience of
Bethlehem's shepherds?

Luke 2:1-3

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

Luke 2:8-9

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

Luke 2:10-11

10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

“So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, ‘You are a God of seeing,’ for she said, ‘Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.’” (Genesis 16:13)

Luke 2:12

12 “And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Helpless and hungry, lowly afraid,
Wrapped in the chill of midwinter
Comes now among us, born into
poverty's embrace,
New life for the world.

Who is this who lives with the lowly,
Sharing their sorrows,
Knowing their hunger?

This is Christ, revealed to the world
In the eyes of a child, a child of the
poor.

Bring all the thirsty, all who seek
peace;

Bring those with nothing to offer,
Strengthen the feeble, say to the
frightened heart:

“Fear not, here is our God!”

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Luke 6:20-21

20 And Jesus lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh."

Luke 6:22-23

22 “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven!

Luke 2:15-16

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us GO over to Bethlehem and SEE this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

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Luke 2:17-18, 20

17 And when they saw it, they MADE KNOWN the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them...

20 And the shepherds returned, GLORIFYING and PRAISING GOD for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

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"Let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory to the Lord... The Lord goes out like a mighty man, like a man of war he stirs up his zeal. He cries out, he shouts aloud. He shows himself mighty against his foes." (Isaiah 42:11-13)

"For thus the Lord said to me: 'Go, set a watchman; let him announce what he sees.' ... Then he who saw cried out: 'Upon a watchtower I stand, O Lord, continually by day, and at my post I am stationed whole nights.'" (Isaiah 21:6, 8)

*“‘Watchman, what time of the night?
Watchman, what time of the night?’ The
watchman says: ‘Morning comes, and
also the night. If you will inquire, inquire.
Come back again.’” (Isaiah 21:11-12)*

*The darkness is passing away and the true
light is already shining.” (1 John 2:8)*

How does the inclusion of the first
and last verses color your singing of
this song?

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus lives again!

I wouldn't be Governor Wallace,
I'll tell you the reason why,
I'd be afraid He might call me
And I wouldn't be ready to die.

If you cannot sing like angels,
If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all.



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