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Homestead Park
United Methodist Church



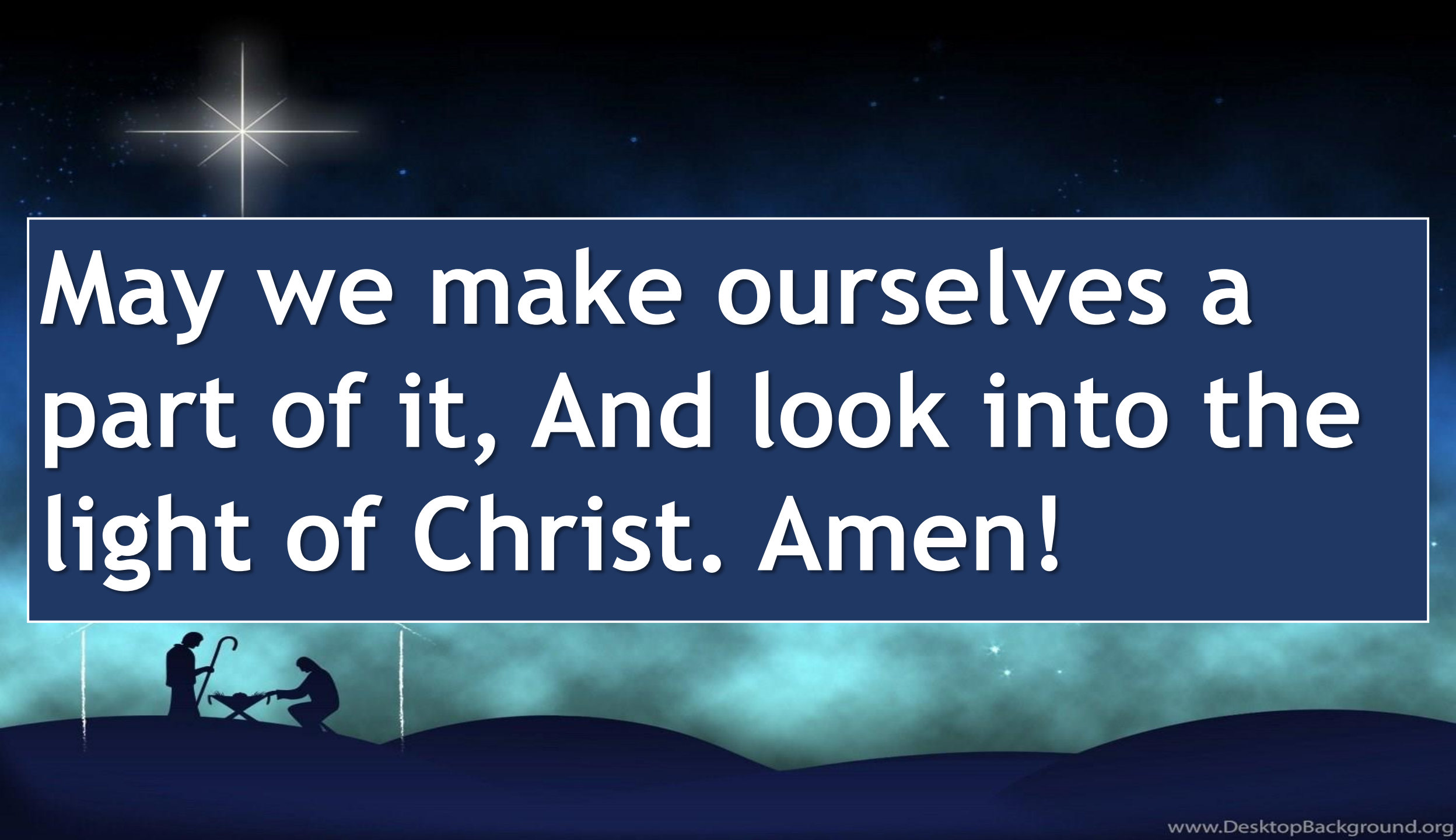
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Opening Prayer (unison)

(Please stand as you are able)

Rejoice this night with all
the hosts of heaven
For Christ our Savior is
born. He has come to
foreigners travelling from
afar, He has come to

shepherds outcast in the fields, He has come bringing joy to the world. He has come, Heralding God's eternal world of peace and justice.

A dark blue background with a starburst in the upper left and a silhouette of the Nativity scene at the bottom. The text is centered in a white box.

May we make ourselves a part of it, And look into the light of Christ. Amen!




Hymn #218
It Came Upon the
Midnight Clear




(Please stand as you are able)

It came upon the midnight
clear, that glorious song of
old,
from angels bending near
the earth to touch their
harps of gold:

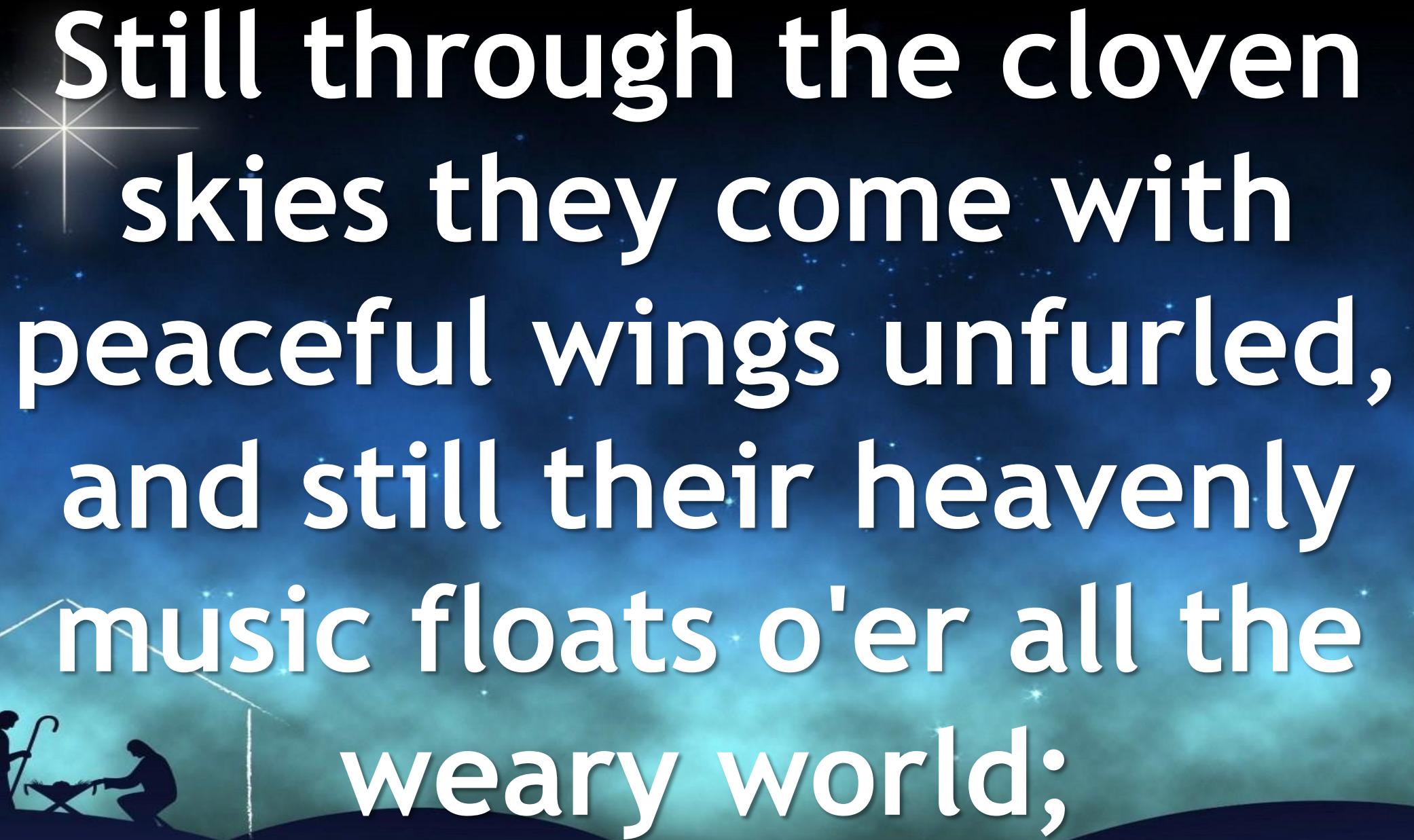
A silhouette of the Nativity scene is visible in the lower-left corner. It shows a man standing with a staff, a woman kneeling, and a manger with a baby. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright star and smaller stars.

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"Peace on the earth, good
will to men, from heaven's
all-gracious King." The
world in solemn stillness
lay, to
hear the angels sing.



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Still through the cloven
skies they come with
peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly
music floats o'er all the
weary world;

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above its sad and lowly
plains, they bend on
hovering wing, and ever
o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.



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And ye, beneath life's
crushing load, whose
forms are bending low,
who toil along the
climbing way with painful
steps and slow,



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look now! for glad and
golden hours come swiftly
on the wing.

O rest beside the weary
road, and hear the angels
sing!

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For lo! the days are
hastening on, by prophet
seen of old, when with the
ever-circling years shall
come the time foretold



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when peace shall over all
the earth its ancient
splendors fling, and the
whole world send back the
song which now the angels
sing.

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Call to Worship (responsive)

(Please stand as you are able)

Pastor: O come, all ye
faithful, Joyful and
triumphant,

People: O come ye, O come
ye to Bethlehem.

Pastor : Come and behold
Him, Born the King of Angels!

People: O come, let us
adore Him, Christ the Lord.

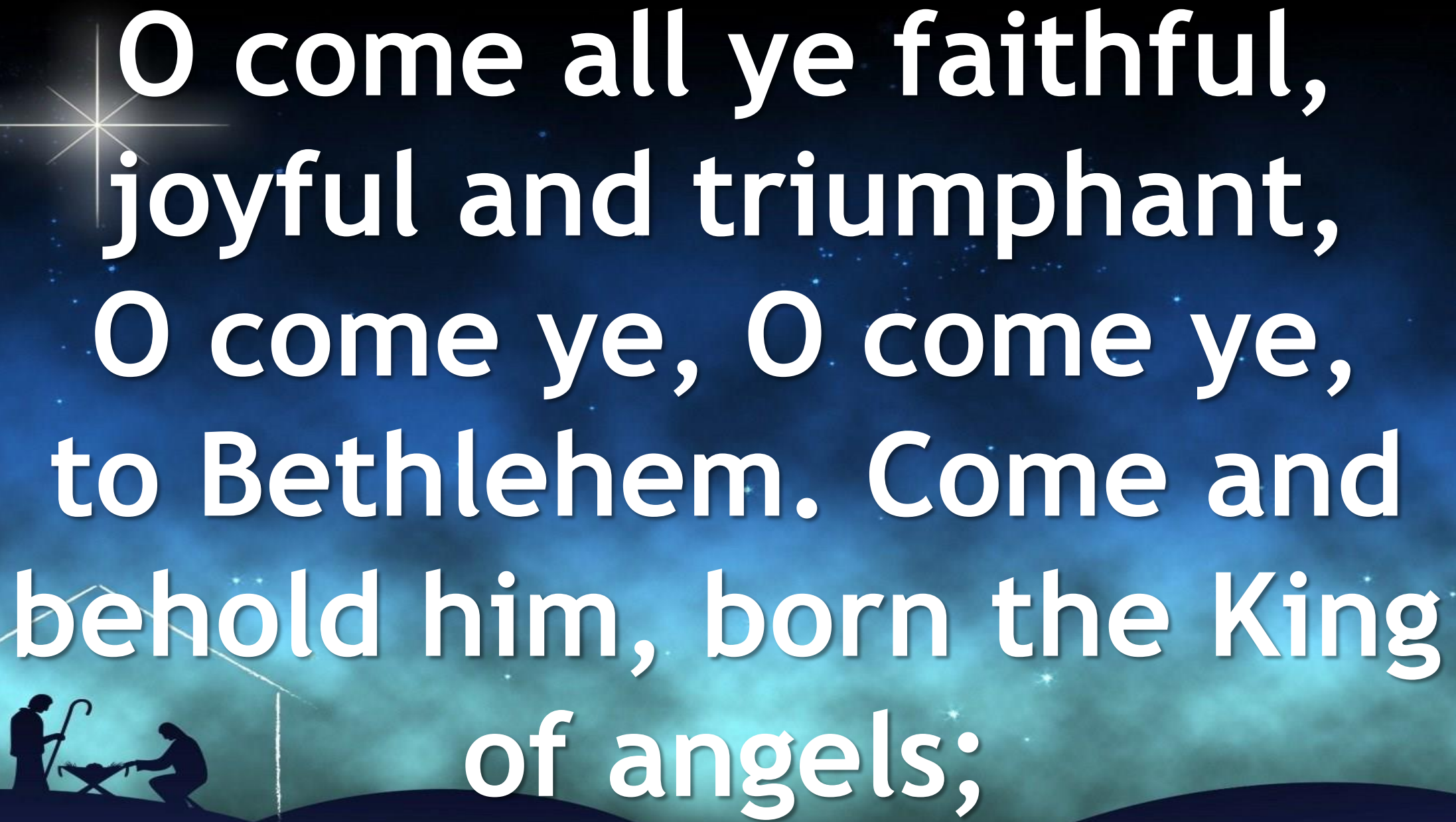


Hymn #234

O, Come, All Ye Faithful



(Please stand as you are able)

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O come all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye,
to Bethlehem. Come and
behold him, born the King
of angels;

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O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him,


O come let us adore him,

Christ the Lord.



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True God of true God,
Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the
Virgin's womb; Son of the
Father, begotten not
created;

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O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him,

Christ the Lord.



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Sing, choirs of angels, sing
in exultation; O sing, all
ye citizens of heaven
above! Glory to God, all
glory in the highest;



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O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him,

Christ the Lord.



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See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw
nigh to gaze; we too will
thither bend our joyful
footsteps;

The background of the image is a dark blue, starry night sky. In the lower-left corner, there is a silhouette of a shepherd standing with a staff, and another figure kneeling next to a manger. The scene is framed by a simple white outline of a stable or manger structure. The overall mood is serene and reverent.

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O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him,

Christ the Lord.

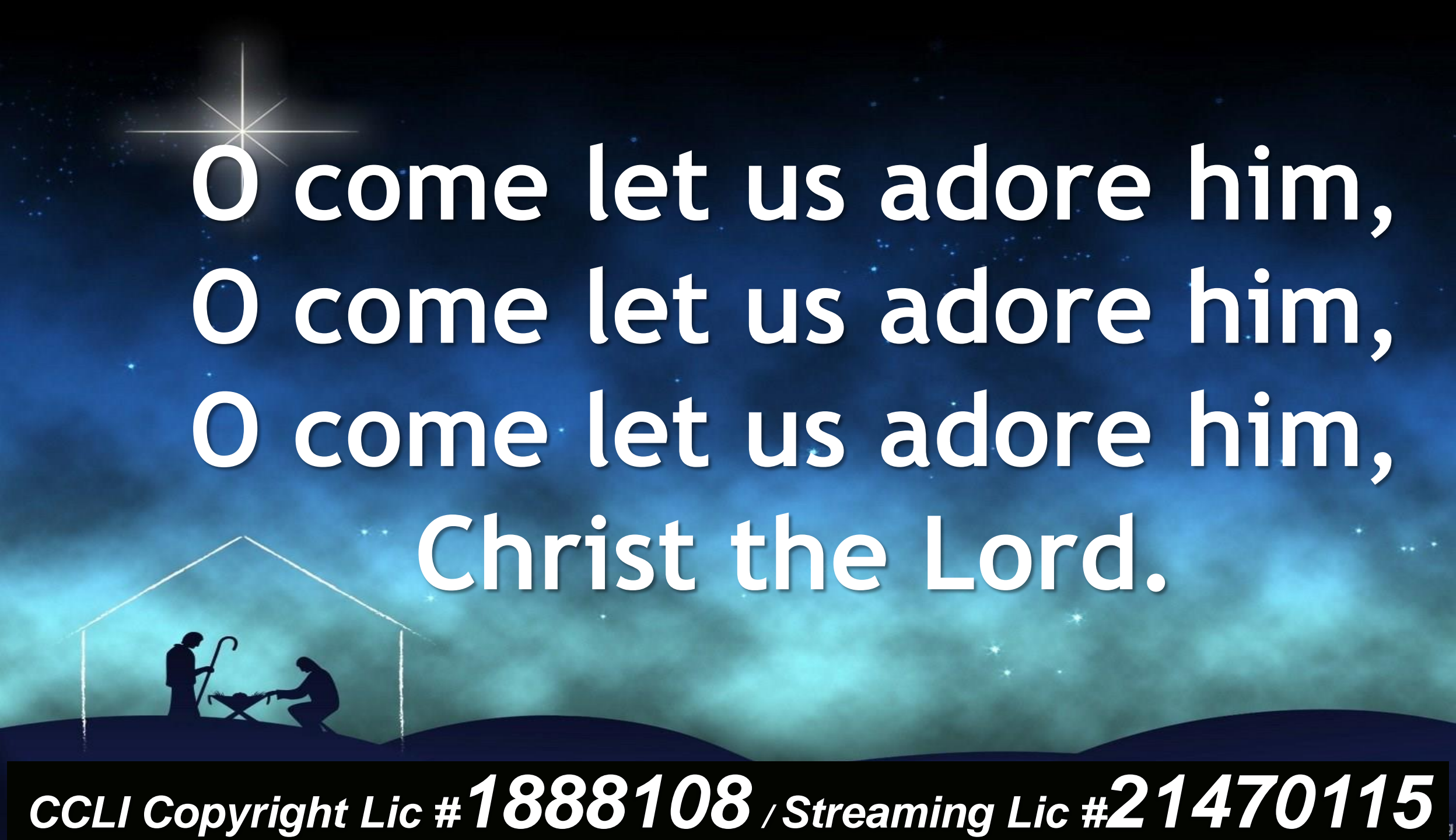


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Child, for us sinners poor
and in the manger, we
would embrace thee with
love and awe. Who would
not love thee, loving us so
dearly?

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O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

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Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory
given. Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:



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O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him,

Christ the Lord.



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Lighting of the Christ Candle



Hymn #238
Angels We Have Heard
on High



(Please stand as you are able)

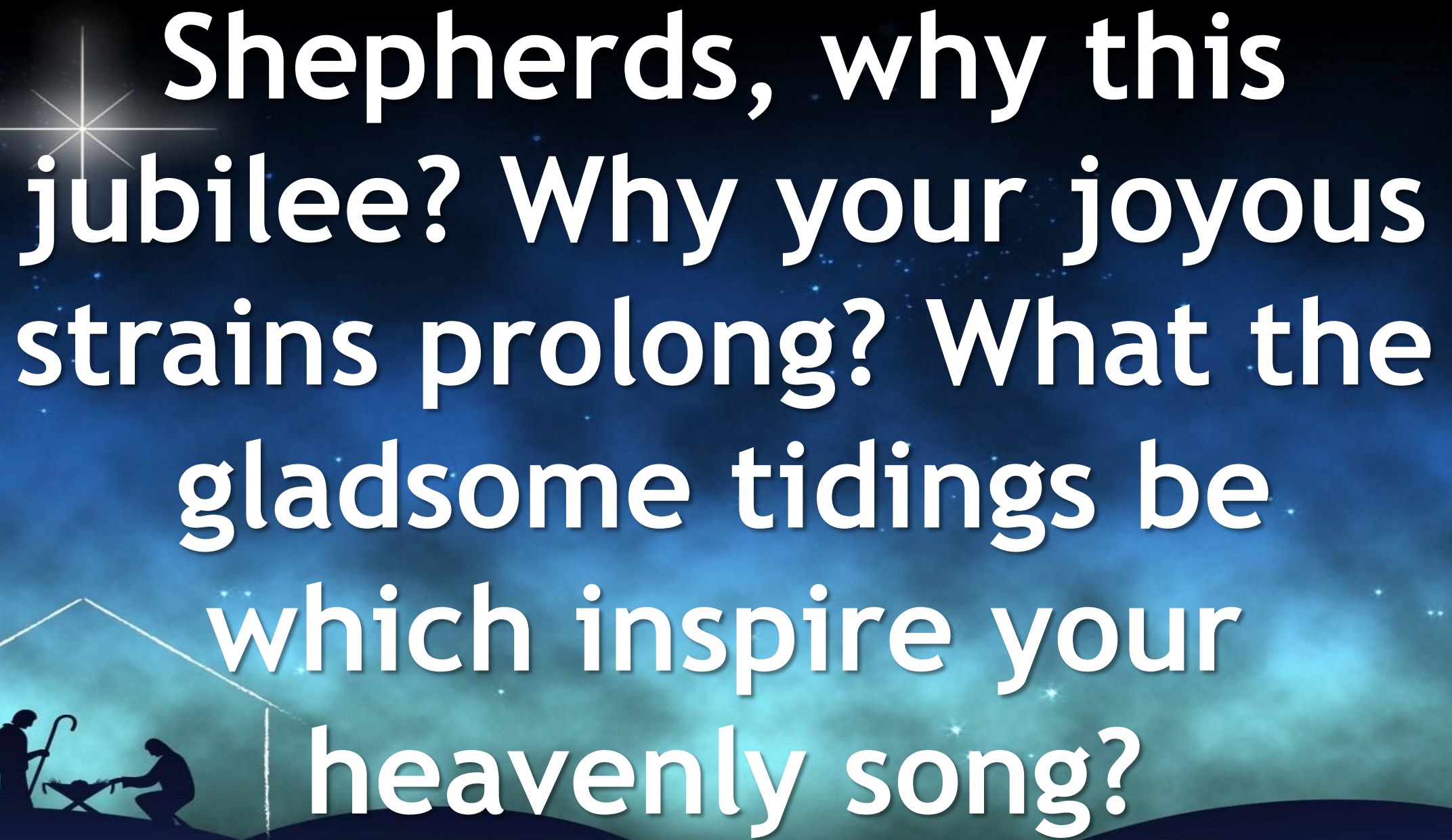
Angels we have heard on
high, sweetly singing o'er
the plains, and the
mountains in reply
echoing their joyous
strains.

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**Gloria
in excelsis Deo!
Gloria
in excelsis Deo!**

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Shepherds, why this
jubilee? Why your joyous
strains prolong? What the
gladsome tidings be
which inspire your
heavenly song?

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**Gloria
in excelsis Deo!
Gloria
in excelsis Deo!**

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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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**Gloria
in excelsis Deo!
Gloria
in excelsis Deo!**

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See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels
praise; Mary, Joseph, lend
your aid,
while our hearts in love
we raise.

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Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 9: 2-7 NIV



2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

3 You have enlarged the

nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.
4 For as in the day of

Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.
⁵ Every warrior's boot used

in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the

government will be on his
shoulders. And he will be
called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace.

7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding

it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.



Scripture Lesson


Titus 2: 11-14 NIV



1¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 1² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly

passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope — the

appearing of the glory of
our great God and Savior,
Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave
himself for us to redeem us
from all wickedness and to



**purify for himself a people
that are his very own, eager
to do what is good.**



Offering



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Doxology

(Please stand as you are able)

Praise God from Whom all
blessings flow. Praise Him all
creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye,
heavenly host. Praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Prayer of Dedication



(Please stand as you are able)



Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1: 18-25 NIV



1⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they

came together, she was
found to be pregnant
through the Holy Spirit
19 Because Joseph her
husband was faithful to the

law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had

considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as


your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,

because he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. **25** But he did not



consummate their marriage
until she gave birth to a
son. And he gave him the
name Jesus.



Message
Cradle to Cross!
Pastor Don Kephart



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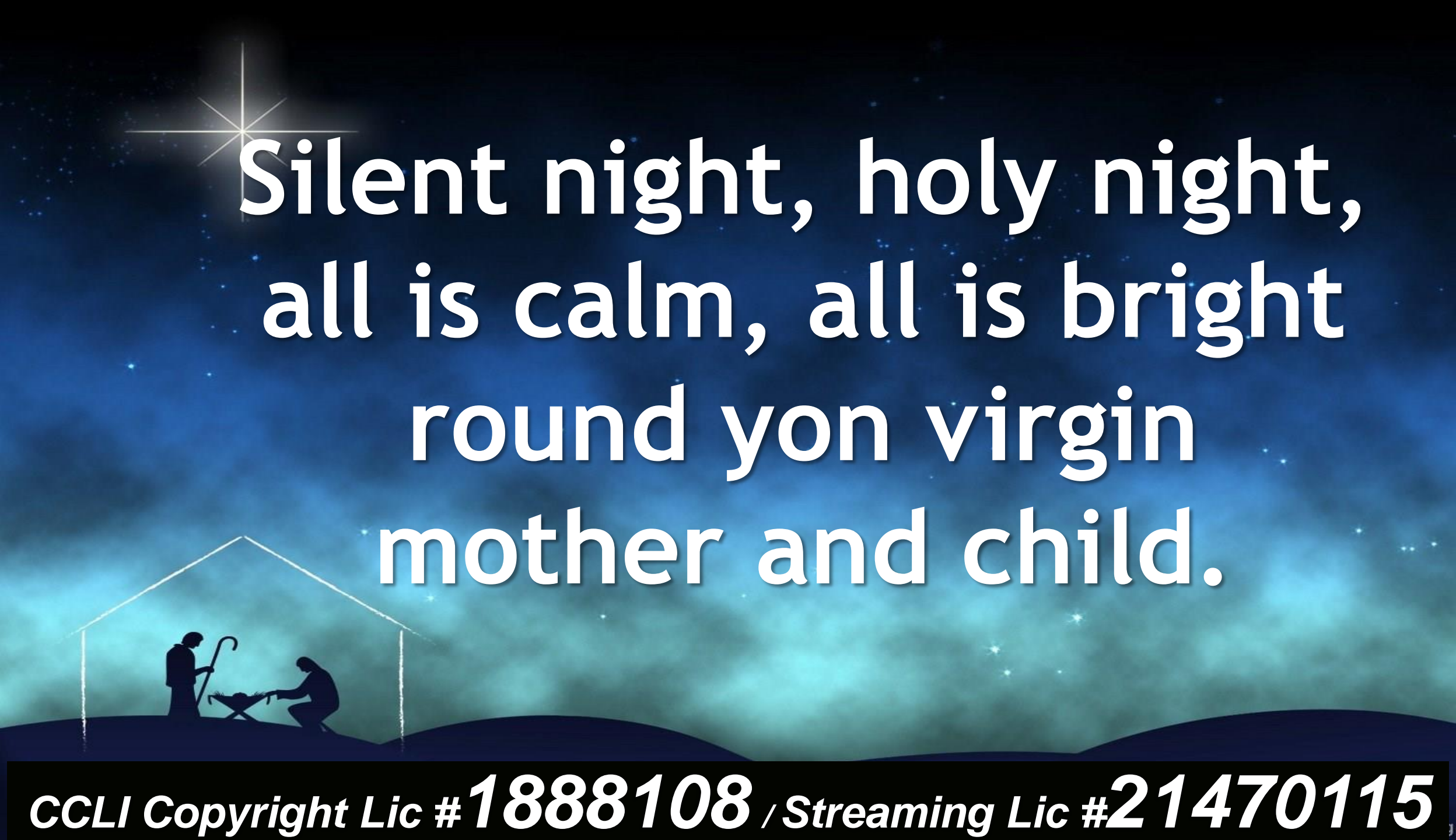
Lighting of the Candles



Hymn #239
Silent Night, Holy Night

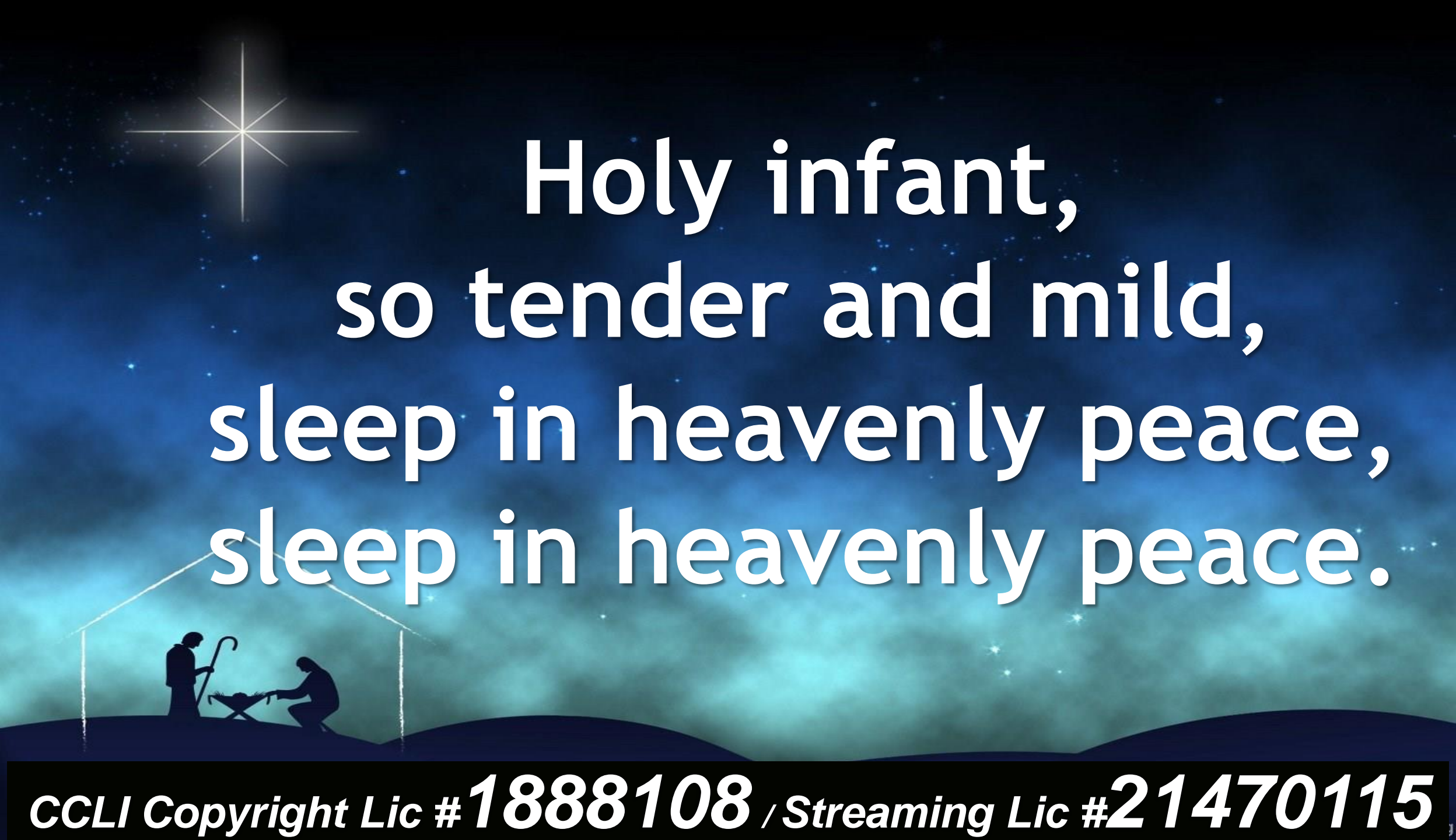


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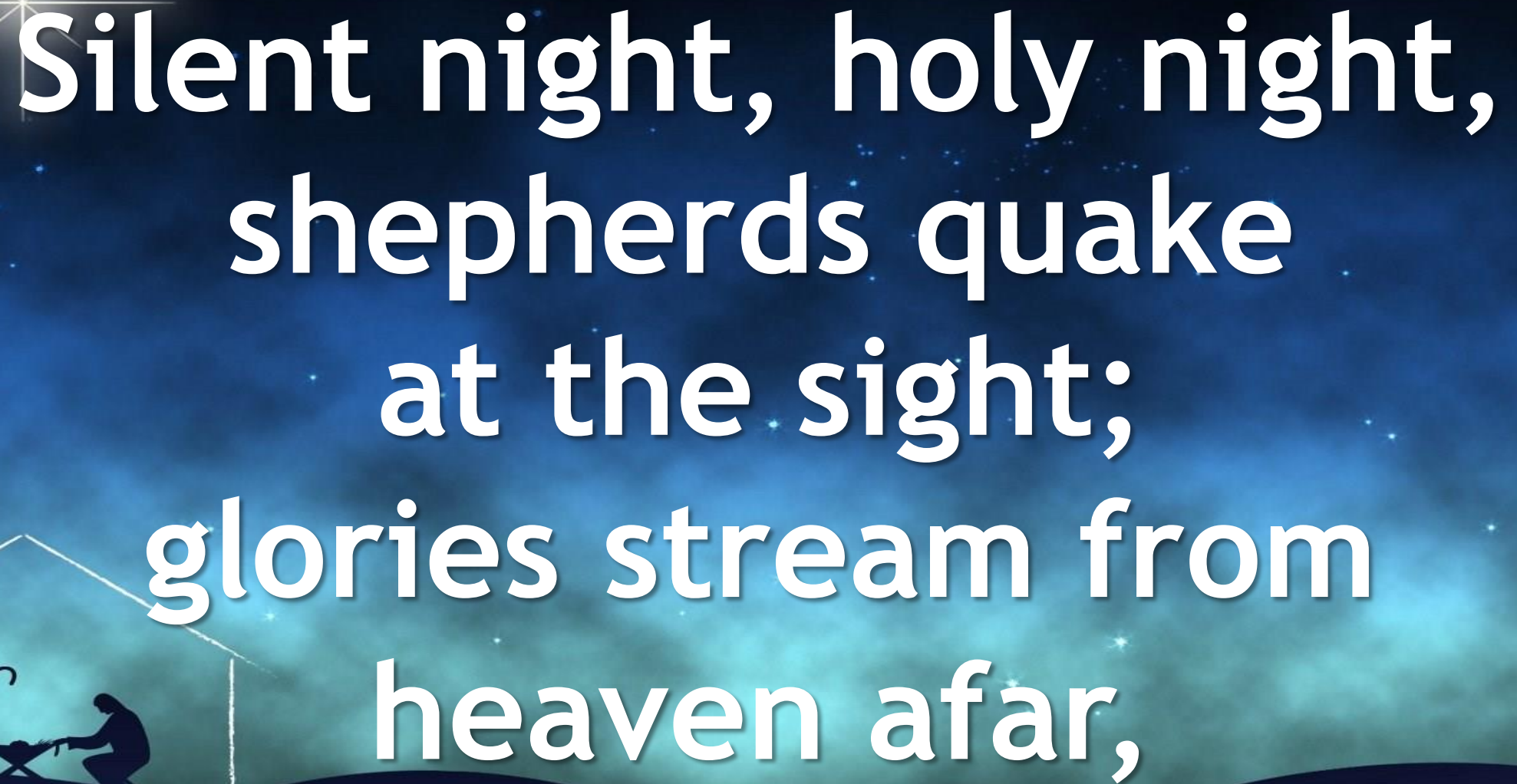
Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin
mother and child.

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A star in the top left corner and a silhouette of the Nativity scene at the bottom.

Holy infant,
so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

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Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake
at the sight;
glories stream from
heaven afar,

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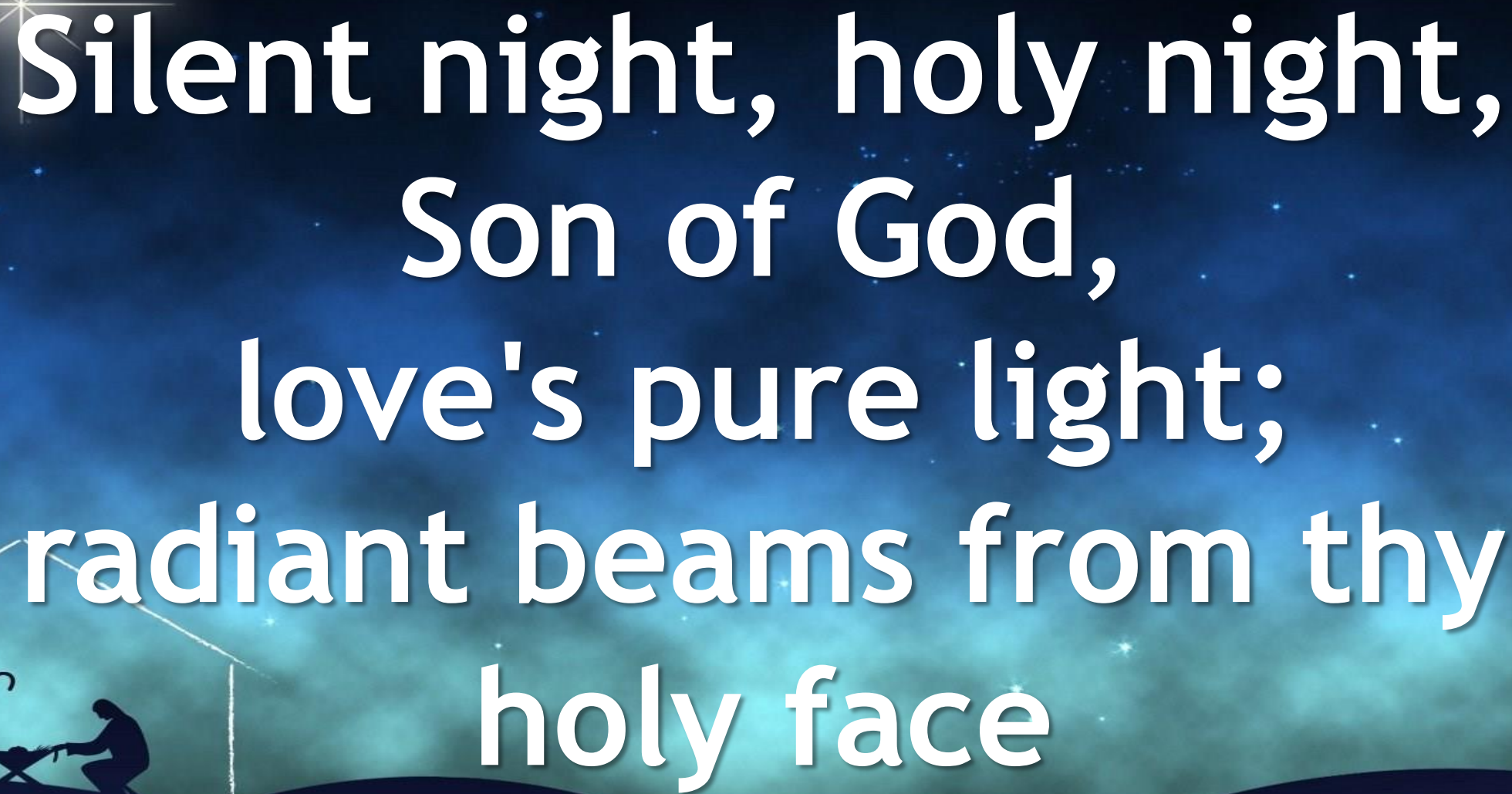


heavenly hosts sing
Alleluia!

Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

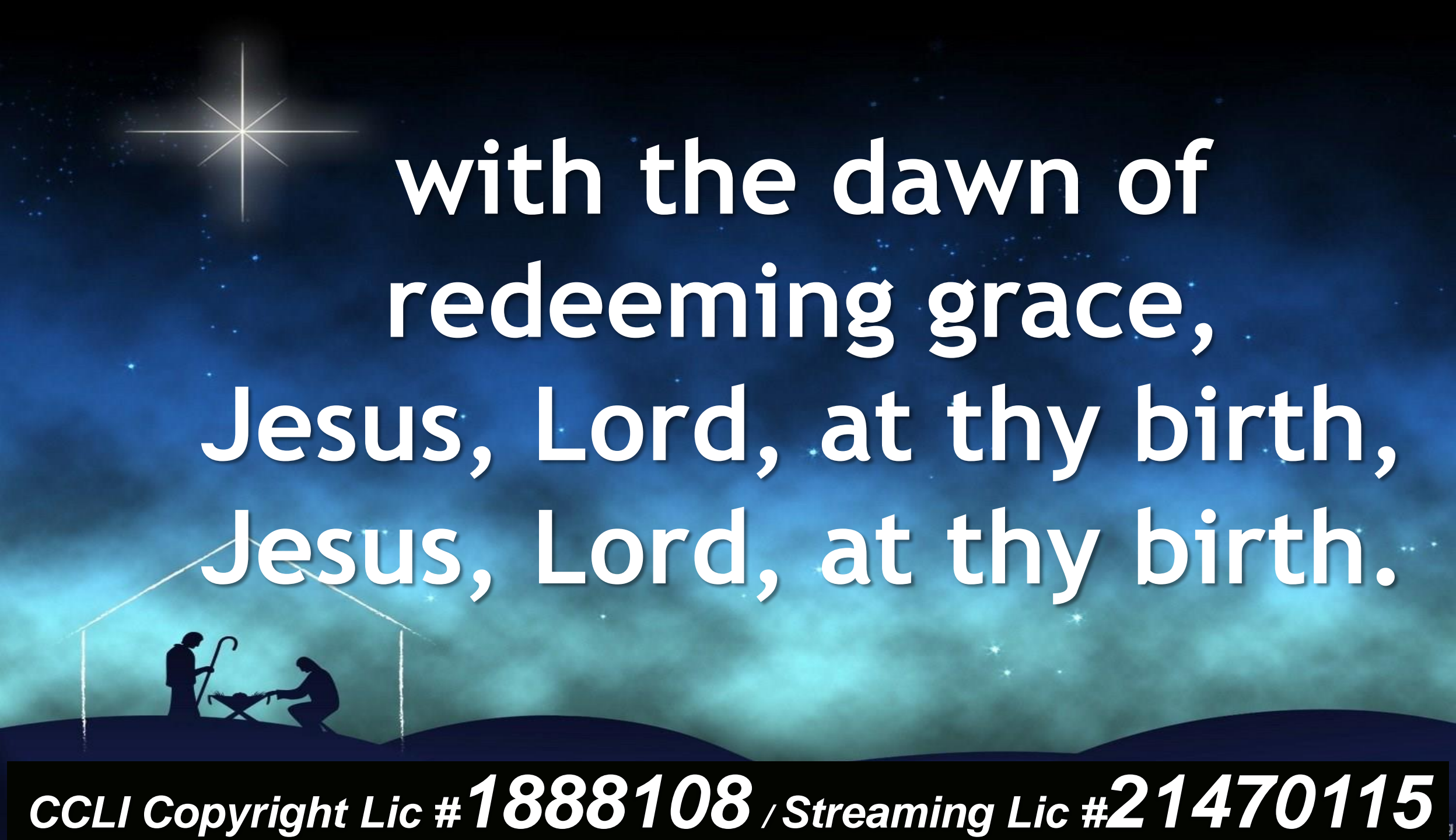


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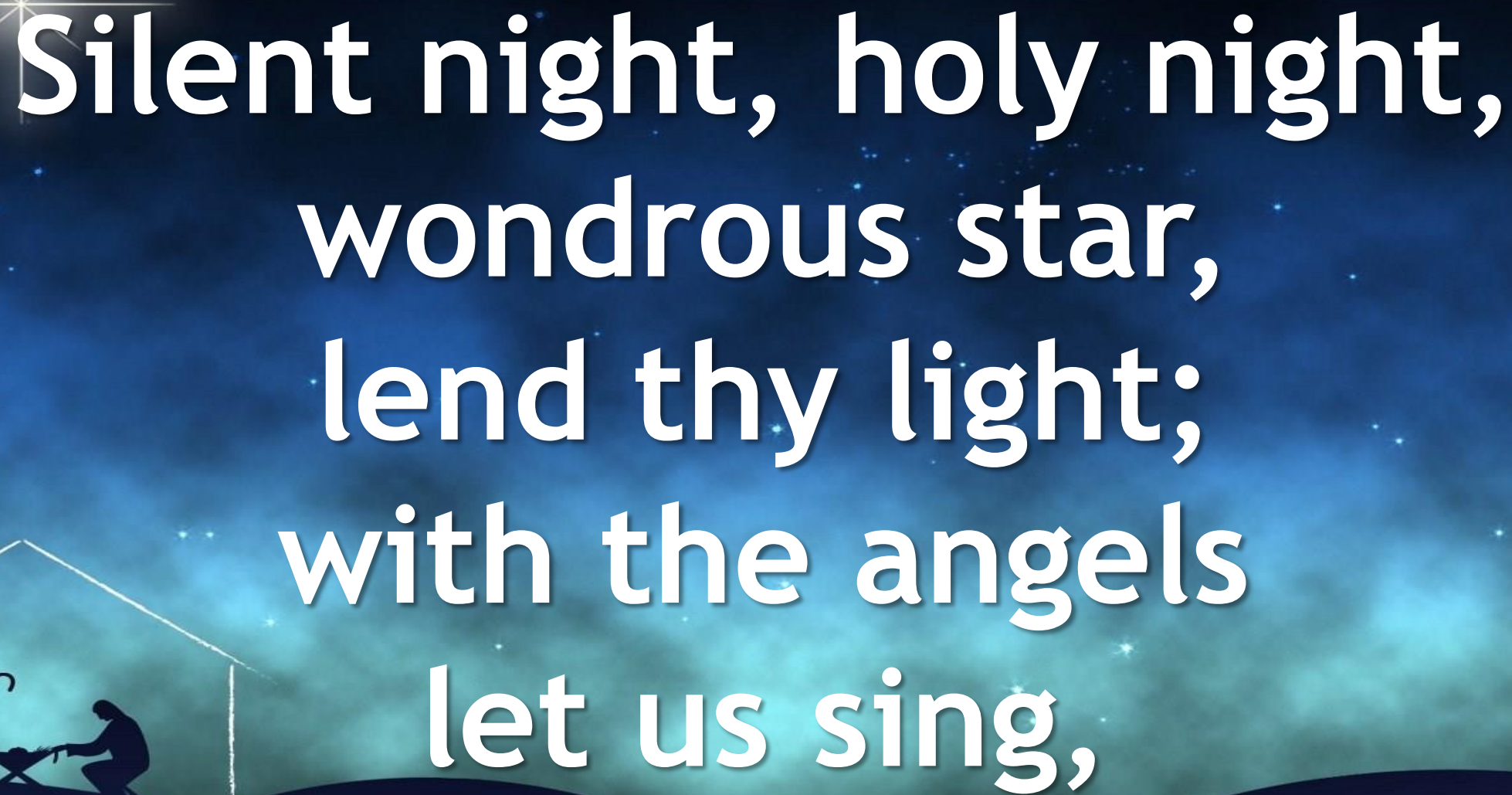
Silent night, holy night,
Son of God,
love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy
holy face

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with the dawn of
redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

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Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star,
lend thy light;
with the angels
let us sing,

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**Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!**



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Benediction

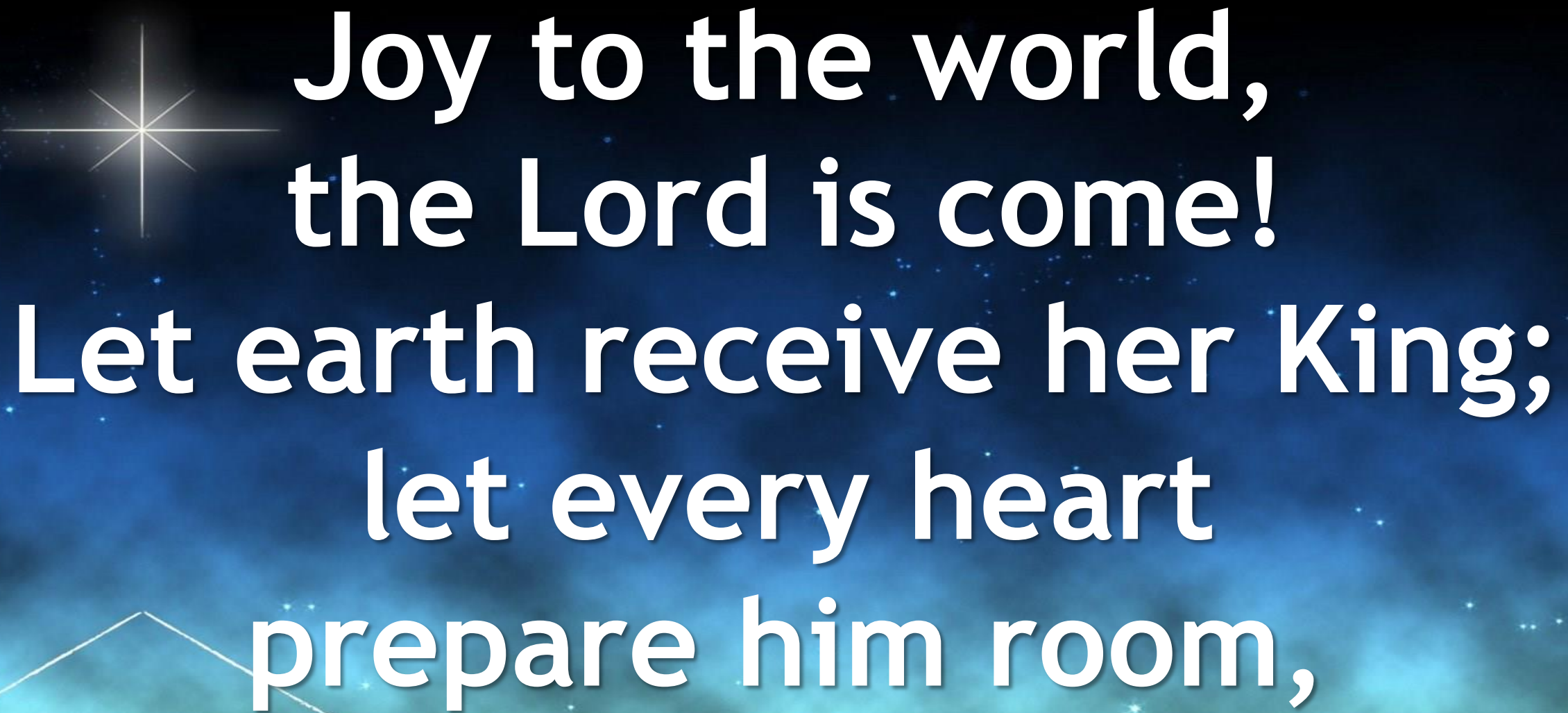
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Postlude - Hymn #246
Joy to the World




(Please stand as you are able)



Joy to the world,
the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart
prepare him room,

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and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing.



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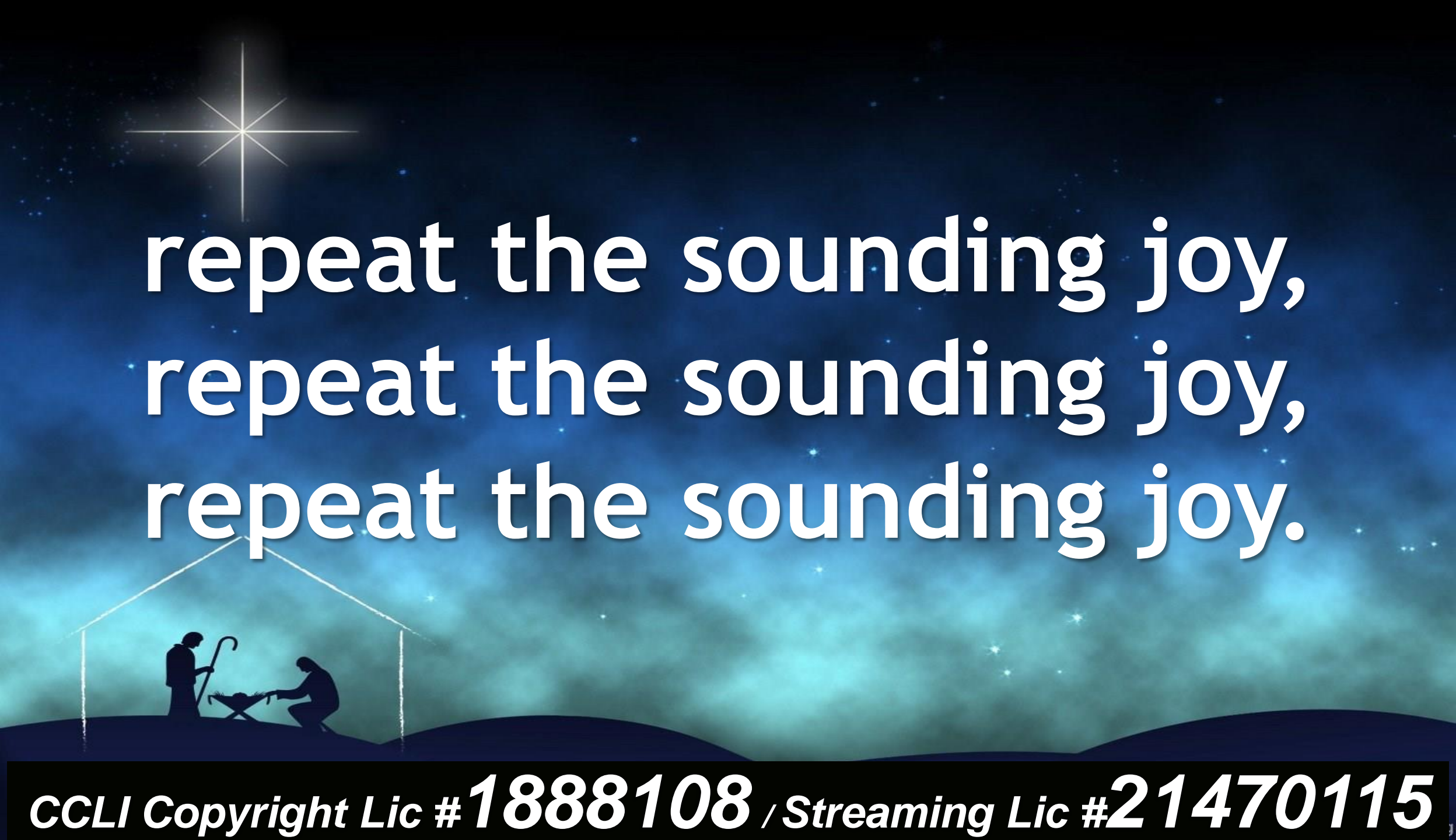


Joy to the world,
the Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains

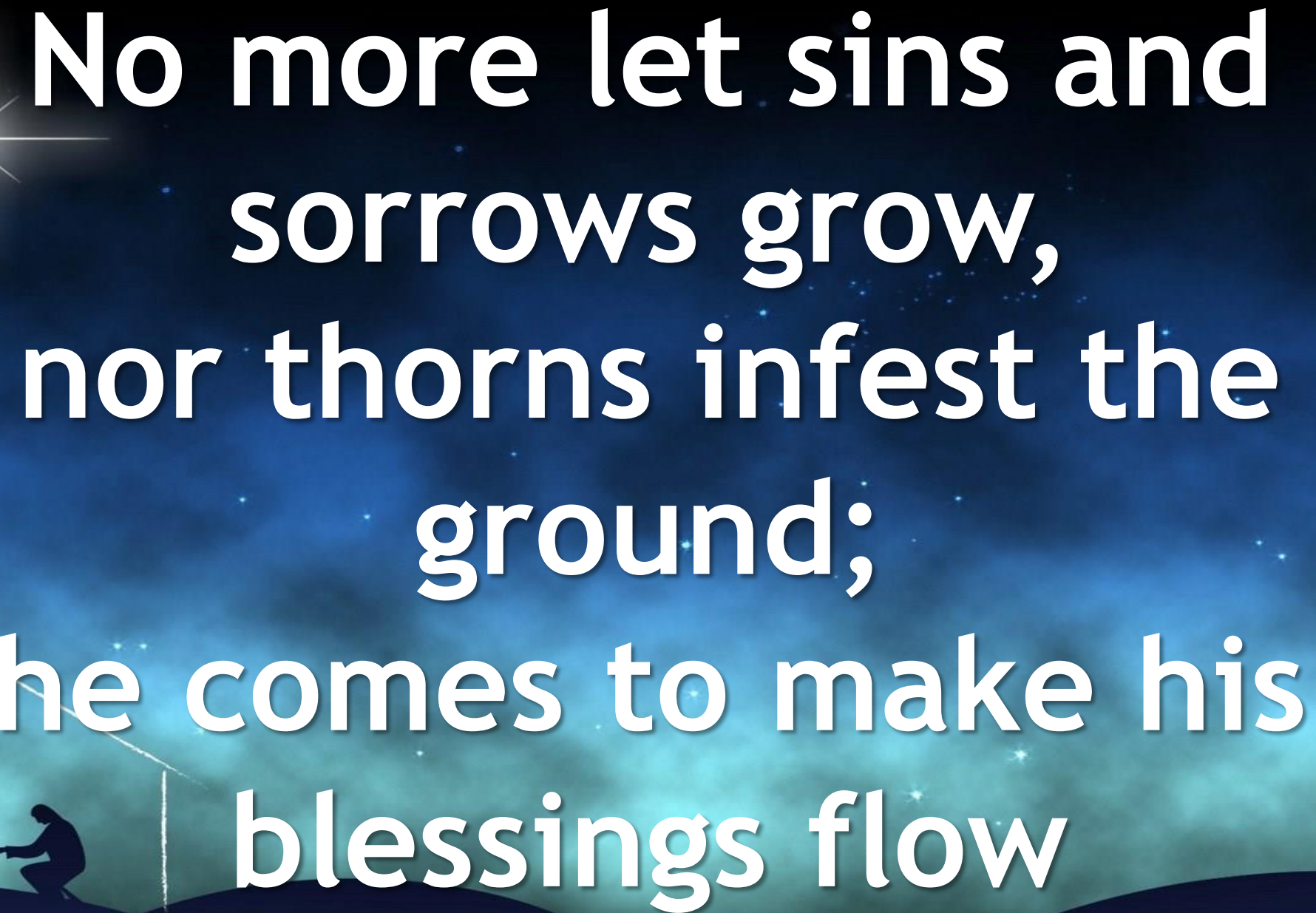


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repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy.

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No more let sins and
sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the
ground;
he comes to make his
blessings flow

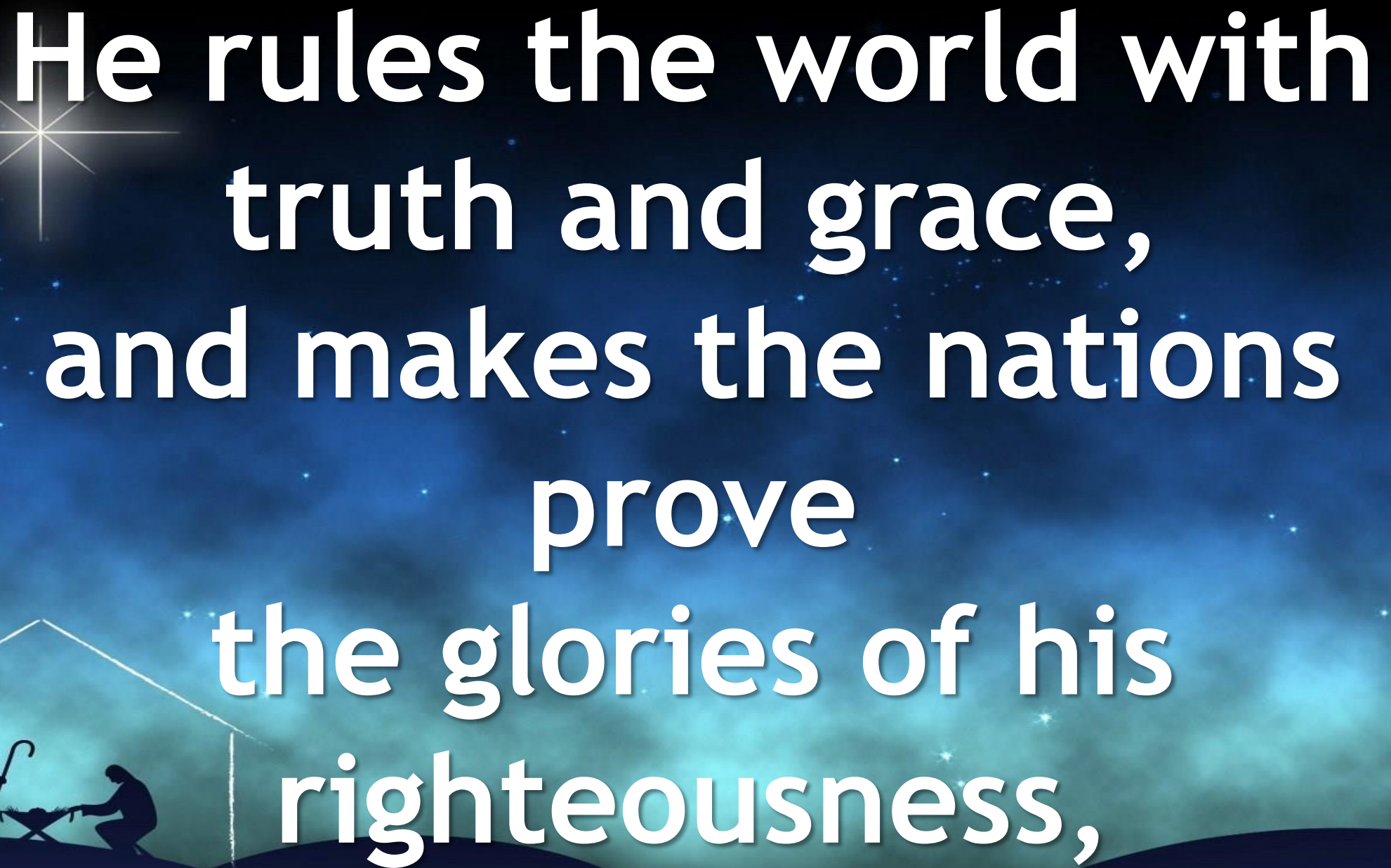
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far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found.



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He rules the world with
truth and grace,
and makes the nations
prove
the glories of his
righteousness,


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and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love.



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Thank you for joining
us in worship!

