



THE ANGEL SONG

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God." (St Luke II 13)

What sudden blaze of song
 Spreads o'er the expanse of heaven?
 In waves of light it thrills along,
 The angelic signal given—
 "Glory to God!" from yonder central fire
 Flows out the echoing lay beyond the starry choir.



Like circles widening round
 Upon a clear blue river,
 Orb after orb, the wondrous sound
 Is echoed on forever:
 "Glory to God on high, on earth be peace,
 And love towards men of love — salvation and release!"

KEBLE.