

CHRISTMAS STANZAS.

WELCOME the Lord's Anointed,
Sing praises to his name,
His birth, with loud hosannas,
The angel choirs proclaim;
While troops of bright celestials
Prolong the anthem still:
"Glory to God, the highest,
To man peace and good will."

Lowly the "wise men" found him,
Within the manger laid;
And humbly kneeling round him,
Their offerings they made —
The feeble child whose dawning
Brought light, and hope, and peace,
And ushered in the morning
Whose day shall never cease.

Long years have passed, since proudly rolled
On Bethlehem's hills, that anthem high,
Proclaiming to the startled world
The kingdom of the Lord was nigh;
But yearly as the day returns
His chosen followers raise to Heaven
The hymn of love, that purely burns
In grateful hearts, for sins forgiven.

Come, let us swell the song of love,
From humble hearts to Heaven's high Throne;
And lift our souls to things above,
While our Creator's power we own:—
Hosanna to Jehovah, loud praise that ne'er shall cease;
To man good will undying, and everlasting peace.