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"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the Angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."—St. Luke II. 8-10.

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS.

Calm on the listening ear of night  
Come heaven's melodious strains,  
Where wild Judea stretches far  
Her silver-mantled plains.

"Glory to God!" the sounding skies  
Loud with their anthems ring,  
"Peace on earth, good-will to men,  
From heaven's eternal King!"

Light on thy hills, Jerusalem!  
The Saviour now is born:  
Bright on Bethlehem's joyous plains  
Breaks the first Christmas morn.

E. H. Sears.