

## Hymn Texts for December 12, 2021

### ANGELS AMONG US

All night, all day,  
Angels watchin' over me, my Lord.  
Do not be afraid.  
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Angels watchin' over me.

### JOY TO THE WORLD

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
let earth receive her King  
let every heart prepare Him room,  
and Heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;  
let men their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrow grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of his love  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

## THE HANDS THAT FIRST HELD MARY'S CHILD

1 The hands that first held Mary's Child  
Were hard from working wood,  
from boards they sawed and planed  
and filed and splinters they withstood.  
This day they gripped no tool of steel,  
they drove no iron nail,  
but cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail.

2 When Joseph marveled  
at the size of that small breathing frame,  
and gazed upon those bright new eyes  
and spoke the infant's name,  
the angel's words he once had dreamed  
poured down from heaven's height,  
and like the host of stars that beamed  
blessed earth with welcome light.

3 "This child shall be Emmanuel,  
not God upon the throne,  
but God with us, Emmanuel,  
as close as blood and bone."  
The tiny form in Joseph's palms  
confirmed what he had heard,  
and from his heart rose hymns and psalms  
for heaven's human word.

4 The tools that Joseph laid aside  
a mob would later lift  
and use with anger, fear, and pride to crucify God's gift.  
Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child who's born today,  
But charged with faith may we be bold to follow in His way.

## **GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE**

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today,  
ox and ass before Him bow,  
and He is in the manger now:  
Christ is born today,  
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends,  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this.  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this,  
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save;  
calls you one and calls you all,  
to gain His everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save,  
Christ was born to save!