

COMMENT: HYMN - GLORIA

The 'Gloria in Excelsis' [*Glory to God in the Highest*] is a 4th. century hymn of praise inspired by the Angels' Song in Luke 2:14. It has been said or sung in Christian worship ever since, and it often appears in the liturgies of the Holy Communion/Eucharist.

My hymn is based on its words.

I wrote it simply to be able to give a congregation an **alternative way** of singing it.

It lends itself to many other occasions, when we wish to give glory to God.

I first used it at my father's funeral in thanksgiving for his life, and I dedicate it to God in memory of him whose generous financial backing has enabled and enriched so much of my ministry.

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Suggested Tune: 'Regent Square' (H.Smart) 8.7.8.7.8.7.

1.

**Glory be to God in Heaven,
and to all on earth his peace.
Lord and Father, King in glory,
gifts of praise in us release,
then the worship and thanksgiving
from our hearts will never cease.**

2.

**Christ incarnate, sent by Father
to redeem, renew, restore;
Risen Lamb, in glory seated,
hear our prayers, Lord, we implore.
Now to Father, Son and Spirit,
Be all glory evermore.**