Earth has many a noble city

1 Earth has many a noble city; Beth-lehem, thou dost all excel:
2 Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told his birth,
3 Eastern sages at his cradle make oblations rich and rare;
4 Sacred gifts of mystic meaning: incense doth their God disclose,
5 Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshipped at thy glad epiphany,

1 out of thee the Lord from heaven came to rule his Israel.
2 to the world its God announcing seen in fleshly form on earth.
3 see them give, in deep devotion, gold and frankincense and myrrh.
4 gold the King of kings proclaimeth, myrrh his Sepulcher fore-shows.
5 unto thee, with God the Father and the Spirit, glory be.

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heaven's all-gracious King;

bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its tidings which they bring; O hush the noise and ancient splendors fling, and all the world give

stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

cease your strife and hear the angels sing!

back the song which now the angels sing.

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Music: Cerec Richard Sears Willie (1819-1903)