On Christmas Night

English Traditional

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On Christmas Night All Christians Sing, Attributed to Bishop Luke Waddinge (1628- ca. 1691),
Bishop of Ferns, Ireland
A Smale Garland of Pious and Godly Songs (Ghent, 1684)

- 1. On Christmas night true Christians sing
 To hear what news the angel bring
 News of great joy, cause of great mirth
 Good tidings of the Saviour's birth
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 - Angels with joy sing in the air,
 No music may with theirs compare;
 While prisoners in their chains rejoice
 To hear the echoes of that voice.
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 - 3. So how on earth can men be sad,
 When Jesus comes to make us glad;
 From sin and hell to set us free,
 And buy for us our liberty?
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 - 4. Let sin depart, while we His grace,
 And glory see in Jesus' face;
 For so shall we sure comforts find
 When thus this day we bear in mind.
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 - 5. And from the darkness we have light, Which makes the Angels sing this night: "Glory to God, His peace to men, Both now and evermore." Amen. Both now and evermore." Amen.