


On the hillsides nearby, shepherds huddled around a fire.
“There have been so many attacks on the sheep this year,”
they grumbled.
“How close is that wolf we can hear howling?”
“Do you believe old Reuben, who says he saw a leopard?”





Then all at once, it seemed as if a spark
flew up from the fire and lit the sky.

An angel voice rang out:

“A fine night, and all is well!

“In Bethlehem, heaven has come to earth.

“God’s Son is born, and lies in a manger.

“Don’t be afraid, just go and see.

“Glory to God! And peace on earth.”