

## Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Luke 2:8-14

St. 1, Johann Rist, 1641  
Transl. John Troutbeck, c. 1885; alt.  
St. 2, Fred Pratt Green, 1986

1 Break forth, O beau-teous heaven - ly light, and ush - er in the  
2 Come, dear - est child, in - to our hearts, and leave your crib be -

morn - ing; O shep - herds, shud - der not in fright, but  
hind you! Let this be where the new life starts for

hear the an - gel's warn - ing. "This child, now weak in  
all who seek and find you. To you the hon - or,

in - fan - cy, our con - fi - dence and joy shall be, the  
thanks, and praise, for all your gifts this time of grace; come,

*This hymn combines the great talents of German artistry: seventeenth-century Rist, the prolific poet; Schop, brilliant instrumentalist of the same time; and Bach, who in the eighteenth century arranged both in a memorable setting for the "Christmas Oratorio."*

Tune: ERMUNTRE DICH 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.7.  
Johann Schop, 1641  
Harm. J. S. Bach, 1734

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power of Sa - tan break - ing, our peace e - ter - nal mak - ing."  
con - quer and de - liv - er this world, and us, for - ev - er.