

# Gabriel's Message

(Annunciation; Christmas)

Basque traditional (Bordes, 1895,  
arr. Edgar Pettman, 1866-1943)

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came, — His wings as drift - ed snow, his  
 2. 'For known a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be; — All ge - ne - ra - tions laud and  
 3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head; — 'To me be as it pleas - eth

eyes as flame: — 'All hail,' said he, 'thou low - ly maid - en  
 ho - nour thee: — Thy son shall be Em - ma - nu - el, by  
 God!' she said. — 'My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his

Ma - ry, —  
 seers fore - told. — Most high - ly fa - voured la - dy! — Glo - ri - a! —  
 ho - ly Name.'

4 Of her Emmanuel, the Christ, was born,  
 In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn;  
 And Christian folk throughout the world  
 will ever say:

*Most highly favoured lady! Gloria!*

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