

## ***Word Sheet for “I Heard It from the Shepherds”***

Parents: Please help your child learn the words to the songs for our Christmas musical. They should be able to sing the tunes for you, so by the time *they* learn the words, *you’ll* know the music!

Thank you for your help.

Since this is a Word document, you can add information here – e.g. performance date, etc.

### **1. HODIE! HODIE!**

(Latin for “today,” by the way!)

Chorus:

Hodie! Hodie! Hodie! Hodie!  
O what a wonderful story!  
Hodie! Hodie! Hodie! Hodie!  
We sing and give God glory!  
Hodie! Hodie! Hodie! Hodie!  
With praise, rejoicing we say:  
Hodie! Hodie! Hodie! Hodie!  
Jesus is born today!

Verses:

1. Mary, Joseph, shepherds all  
Gathered in a cattle stall  
Watching over One so small.  
Angels in the star-filled sky  
Sing their praise to God on high  
While the Baby sleeps nearby.
2. Wise men come from distant land,  
(Maybe China or Japan)  
Bringing presents in their hands.  
Dressed in robes of silk and fur,  
Bowing low, their off’rings were  
Gold and frankincense and myrrh.

### **2. PROPHETS, PROPHETS**

Prophets? Prophets? Who were they?  
Prophets? Prophets? What did they say?  
From the mouth of God they heard;  
When they spoke, it was God’s Word!

God had promised a great Messiah  
Through the prophets like Jeremiah,  
Malachi, Isaiah, Amos,  
And Obadiah – they became quite famous.  
Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel –  
All the prophets were very loyal!

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### **3. GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD**

Loo, loo, loo, loo, loo, loo.

Gentle Mary laid her Child  
lowly in a manger;  
There he lay, the undefiled,  
to the world a stranger.  
Such a Babe in such a place,  
can he be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race  
who have found his favor.

Angels sang about his birth;  
wise men sought and found him.  
Heaven’s star shone brightly forth,  
glory all around him.  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,  
heard the angels singing.  
All the plains were lit that night;  
all the hills were ringing.

Loo, loo, loo, loo, loo.

#### 4. CRADLE DANCE

Gather now around his cradle;  
Gather now before his bed.  
Join your hands and dance before him;  
Praise him as your body's led.

Moving gently, moving smoothly,  
Lifting high your hands in awe;  
Walking tall and vowing lowly,  
There before the manger fall.

(solo) Swaying back and forth in rhythm,  
Let him see his loved-ones rise.  
Turn around to greet your Savior;  
Lift your fingers to the skies.

Fold your hands in adoration;  
Bend your knees, in rev'rence bow.  
Offer him your life's devotion;  
Pledge to him your solemn vow.

David danced within God's presence;  
You may, too, abandon all  
As you find your way to please him,  
Answering the dancer's call.

#### 5. I HEARD IT FROM THE SHEPHERDS

(spoken rap)

I heard it from the shepherds,  
Who heard it from the angels,  
Who heard it from the mouth of God. (repeat)

“Fear not! Fear not! Fear not!” the angel said,  
“For behold I bring you tidings of great joy,  
great joy, great joy that shall be to people  
everywhere!

For--- unto you is born this day, this day, hodie,  
born in the city of David, Bethlehem,  
a Savior who is Christ the Lord! Hodie!  
This shall be a sign, a sign, a sign unto you:  
You shall find the Baby wrapped in swaddling  
clothes lying, lying in a manger.”

(repeat from the top)

Ending – I heard it from the shepherds, (wait)  
Who heard it from the angels, (wait)  
Who heard it from the mouth of God! Hodie!

#### 6. ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD/ HODIE!

(with congregation)

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains;  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Hodie! Hodie! Hodie! Hodie!  
O what a wonderful story!  
In excelsis Deo!  
Hodie! Hodie! Hodie! Hodie!  
With praise, rejoicing we say:  
(*in excelsis*)  
Jesus is born today!

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the new-born King!

(Repeat Refrain)

Ending - Jesus is born today!

Use this space for remaining rehearsal schedule, what the children should wear for the performance, or other notes you may need to send home.