

125 Before the Marvel of This Night

Capo 1: (G) (D) (C) (Gsus) (G) (D) (Bm7)
 A^b E^b D^b A^bsus A^b E^b Cm7

1 Be - fore the mar - vel of this night, a - dor - ing,
 2 A - wake the sleep - ing world with song: this is the
 3 The love that we have al - ways known, our con - stant

(Em) (Am) (Am7)(D) (Am) (Bm7)
 Fm B^bm B^bm7 E^b B^bm Cm7

fold your wings and bow; then tear the sky a - part with
 day the Lord has made. As - sem - ble here, ce - les - tial
 joy and end - less light, now to the love - less world be

(Em) (Am) (G) (Am7) (G) (D)
 Fm B^bm A^b B^bm7 A^b E^b

light and with your news the world en - dow.
 throng, in roy - al splen - dor come ar - rayed.
 shown, now break up - on its death - ly night.

(G) (D) (C) (Gsus) (G) (D) (Bm7)
 A^b E^b D^b A^bsus A^b E^b Cm7

Pro - claim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and
 Give earth a glimpse of heav - enly bliss, a teas - ing
 In - to one song com - press the love that rules our

(Em) (A7) (Dsus) (D) (Bm) (C)
 Fm B^b7 E^bsus E^b Cm D^b

death and sor - row cease: sing peace; sing peace; sing
 taste of what they miss: sing bliss; sing bliss; sing
 u - ni - verse a - bove: sing love; sing love; sing

(G) (C) (Am7) (G)
 A^b D^b B^bm7 A^b

gift of peace; sing peace; sing gift of peace!
 end - less bliss; sing bliss; sing end - less bliss!
 God is love; sing love; sing God is love!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text is unusual because it is addressed to angels ("fold your wings and bow") rather than to human beings. It achieves maximum effect when actually used on Christmas Eve, but the event it celebrates is so well known that it can be sung at many points throughout the season.