

Birjina gaztettobat zegoen

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Sabine Baring-Gould / GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2. "For know a bless - ed Moth - er thou shalt be,
3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head;
4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

1. his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
2. all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - our thee,
3. "To me be as it pleas - eth God!" she said.
4. in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn;

1. "All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry."
2. thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told."
3. "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly name."
4. and Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:

1-4. "Most high - ly fa - voured la - dy!" Glo - ri - a!

Inspiration: Luke 1: 26-38, 46; "Angelus ad virginem", 13th or 14th cent. Latin carol; translated as "Birjina gaztettobat zegoen", Basque carol.

Lyrics: 10.10.12.10; Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924, in "The University Carol Book", 1922.

Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE; traditional Basque carol melody.