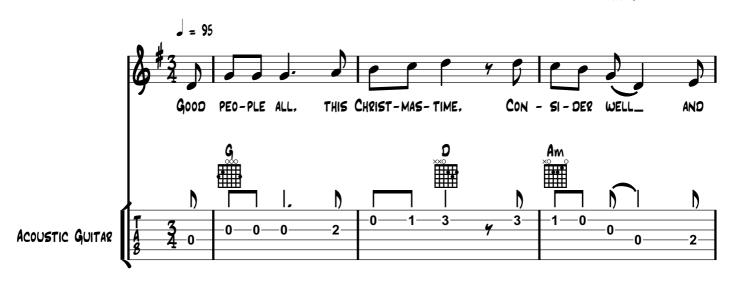
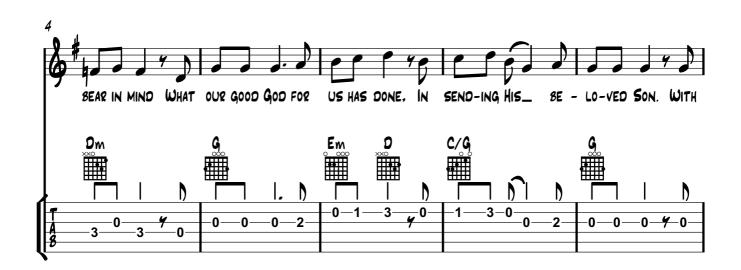
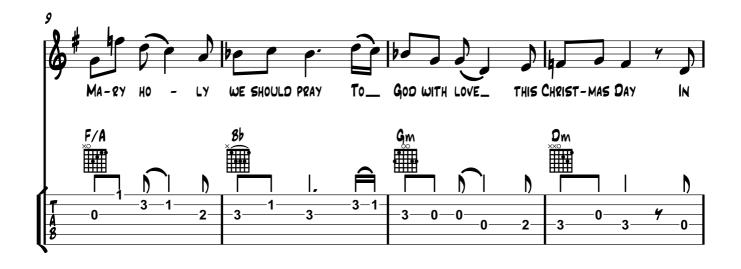
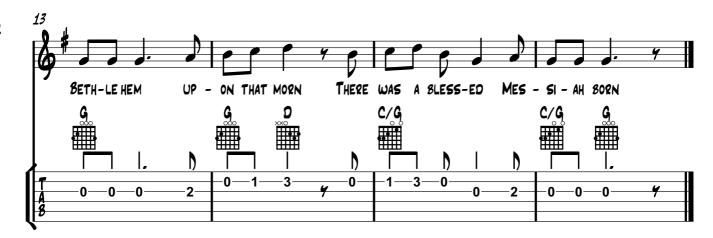
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1. THE NIGHT BEFORE THAT HAPPY TIDE.
THE NOBLE VIRGIN AND HER GUIDE
WERE LONG TIME SEEKING UP AND DOWN
TO FIND A LODGING IN THE TOWN
BUT MARK HOW ALL THINGS CAME TO PASS
FROM EV-RY DOOR REPELL'D ALAS
AS LONG FORETOLD. THEIR REFUGE ALL
WAS BUT AN HUMBLE OX'S STALL

- 2. NEAR BETHLEHEM DID SHEPHERDS KEEP
 THEIR FLOCKS OF LAMBS AND FEEDING SHEEP;
 TO WHOM GOD'S ANGELS DID APPEAR,
 WHICH PUT THE SHEPHERDS IN GREAT FEAR,
 'PREPARE AND GO,' THE ANGELS SAID,
 'TO BETHLEHEM, BE NOT AFRAID;
 FOR THERE YOU'LL FIND, THIS HAPPY MORN,
 A PRINCELY BABE, SWEET JESUS BORN.'
- 3. WITH THANKFUL HEART AND JOYFUL MIND
 THE SHEPHERDS WENT THE BABE TO FIND,
 AND AS GOD'S ANGEL HAD FORETOLD
 THEY DID OUR SAVIOUR CHRIST BEHOLD,
 WITHIN A MANGER HE WAS LAID,
 AND BY HIS SIDE THE VIRGIN MAID,
 ATTENDING ON THE LORD OF LIFE,
 WHO CAME ON EARTH TO END ALL STRIFE