

# The Carol of Light

The Overman Carol for 2003

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1. In swad-dling cloths the Sa - viour lies u - pon a bed of hay,  
2. An - gel - ic voic - es sing at night, and shep-herds all a - fraid  
3. From east - ern lands long wait - ing come the wise men bear-ing gold,  
4. As cru - el Her - od pur - pos - es to slay the in - fant one

E♭ D E♭7 D♭ A♭2 C E♭ E♭ Fm E♭ G A♭2 B♭7sus4

5 His earth - ly gar - ments, dazzling bright, turn dark - ness in - to day.  
Be - stir them-selves as dark - ness flees and Glo - ry is dis - played.  
Pure Light in earth - ly met - al form to greet the King fore - told,  
And quench the su - per - nat - 'ral Light which burns with - in the sun,

E♭ Fm7 E♭ G A♭ Fm A♭ B♭

9 'Tis Heav en - ly Light, the Fath - er's heart, poured out in Je - sus' birth!  
Let us, like them, make haste to find the ti - ny One with - in,  
Most no - ble of a kind it is, and from all base - ness free,  
His earth - ly fath - er takes him safe - ly un - to a dis - tant land,

A♭ E♭ G Fm B♭ E♭ C m E♭ G A♭ B♭7sus4

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And lo! we see its glow with - in\_\_\_\_ all crea - tures here on earth.\_\_\_\_  
 The un - cre - at - ed ev - er - last - ing Light which\_\_\_\_ can - cels sin.\_\_\_\_  
 Fore - sha-dow-ing the pu - ri - ty\_\_\_\_ He of - fers you and me.\_\_\_\_  
 As He will bring us all through death\_\_\_\_ to Hea - ven's shin - ing band.\_\_\_\_

A♭ B♭ A♭/C B♭/D E♭ Cm Fm A♭/B♭ B♭/7 E♭

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O bless-ed Christ - mas, day of joy, when God Him-self comes down,\_\_\_\_

E♭ E♭/G A♭ B♭/9 E♭ Cm E♭/B♭ A♭/9

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To show us E - den's bloom a - fresh, and Heav-en's gold - en crown.

Cm E♭/B♭ A♭ Fm E♭/G Fm A♭/B♭ B♭/7 E♭

Play for intro

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