Softly the Night Is Sleeping 284

1. Softly the night is sleeping  
   on Bethlehem's peaceful hill;  
   silent the shepherds watching,  
   the gentle flocks are still.  
   But hark! The wondrous music  
   falls from the op'ning sky;  
   valley and cliff re-echo,  
   "Glory to God on high!"

Refrain: Glory to God! Glory to God!  
Glory to God! It rings again;  
peace on the earth! Good will to men!

1. Day in the east is breaking;  
   day o'er the crimsoned earth;  
   now the glad world is waking,  
   glad in the Savior's birth!  
   See where the clear star bendeth  
   over the manger blessed;  
   see where the infant Jesus  
   smiles upon Mary's breast!

Refrain

1. Come with the gladsome shepherds,  
   quick hast'ning from the fold;  
   come with the wise men, pouring  
   incense and myrrh and gold.  
   Come to him, poor and lowly,  
   around the cradle throng,  
   come with your hearts of sunshine,  
   and sing the angels' song.

Refrain

TEXT: Edward Abiel Washburne (1881)

TUNE: Massah M. Warner (1836-1900)

*Moravian congregations may reproduce these materials for worship or educational purposes, including in-church projection, online streaming, and printed worship, devotional and educational materials with the following attribution:*

*Reprinted or adapted from the 1995 Moravian Book of Worship with the permission of the Interprovincial Board of Communication, Moravian Church in America. © 1995 IBOC.* [*www.moravian.org*](http://www.moravian.org)*; e-mail:* [*pubs@mcnp.org*](mailto:pubs@mcnp.org)*. All rights reserved.*