

CHRISTMAS.

LIII.

Quem pastores laudavere.

Original Melody of the XIVth Century.
Harmony from Dr. F. LAYRIZ.

While their flocks the shepherds tend-ed, Heaven-ly Hofts to earth de-scend-ed,

Sing-ing, with all voi-ces blend-ed, "Fear not, CHRIST is born to-day!"

1. **Q**UEM pastores laudavere,
Quibus angeli dixere
"Abfit vobis jam timere,
Natus est rex gloriae:"
Ad quem reges ambulabant,
Aurum, thus, myrrham portabant,
Immolabant hæc sincere
Leoni victoriae.

2. Exultemus cum Maria
In cœlesti hierarchia,
Natum promat voce pia
Laus honor et gloria.
Christo regi, Deo nato
Per Mariam nobis dato
Merito resonat vere
Dulci cum melodia.

XIIIth—XVth Century.

1. **W**HILE their flocks the shepherds tended,
Heavenly Hofts to earth descended,
Singing, with all voices blended,
"Fear not, CHRIST is born to-day."
Eastern Seers rich gifts had wrought Him,
Gold, frankincense, myrrh, they brought
Him,
Guided by a Star they sought Him,
Prince of Life and Victory.

2. On that Child with Mary gazing,
Join ye Christians all in raising
Songs to Him Whom Heaven is praising,
God incarnate come to men.
From this day's first dawn to even,
Praise to CHRIST our King be given
By all Earth, and all in Heaven,
In our sweetest, loftiest strain.

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LIV.**Miffus Gabriel de cœlis.**

1. **M**ISSUS Gabriel de cœlis,
 Verbi baiulus fidelis,
 Sacris difserit loquelis
 Cum beata virgine ;
 Verbum bonum et fuave
 Pandit intus in conclave,
 Et ex Eva formans Ave,
 Evæ verbo nomine.

1. **G**ABRIEL, from the Heaven defcending,
 On the faithful WORD attending,
 Is in holy converfe blending
 With the Virgin full of grace :
 That good word and fweet he plighteth
 In the bofom where it lighteth,
 And for EVA AVE writeth,
 Changing Eva's name and race.