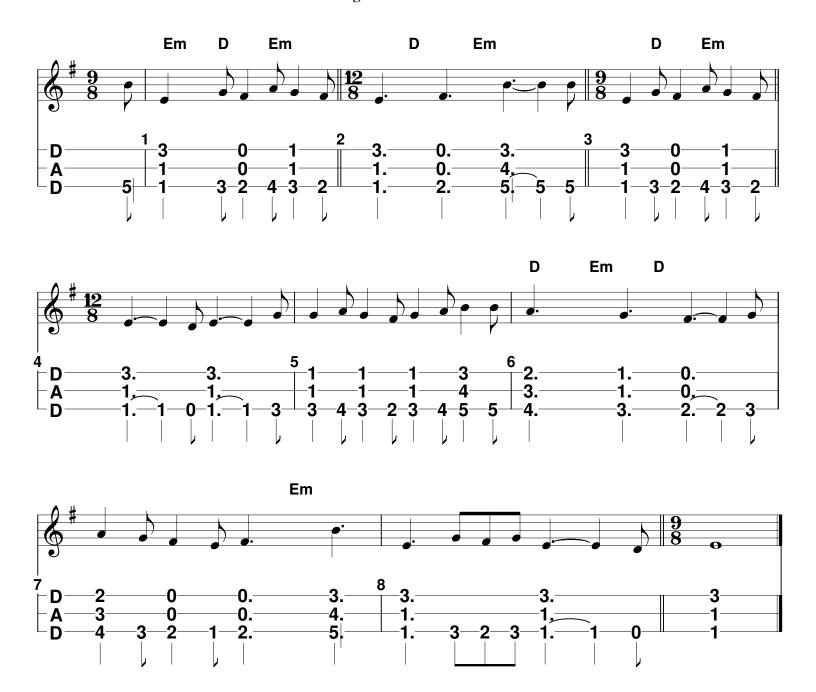
Gabriel's Message

Edgar Pettman - 1892



'Gabriel's Message' was adopted from a 16th century traditional Basque carol by English composer Edgar Pettman in 1892 for his songbook 'Modern Christmas Carols'. The carol tells the story of the event where the archangel Gabriel tells the virgin Mary that she is soon to bear the baby Jesus.

Lyrics:

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; All hail, said he, thou lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favour'd lady, Gloria!