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1.) Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthy minded, For with blessing in His hand. Christ our God to earth descendeth. Our full homage to demand.

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Dm  Am  Dm  F  Gm

1.) Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling
2.) King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He
3.) Rank on rank the host of heaven, Spreads its vanguard on the
4.) At His feet the six winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless

A  Dm  Am  Dm  F  Gm

stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His
stood; Lord of lords in human vesture, In the Body and the
way; As the Light of light descendeth, From the realms of endless
eye; Veil their faces to the Presence, As with ceaseless voice they

A  Dm  G  Bb  F  C  Dm

hand. Christ our God to earth descendeth. Our full homage
Blood. He will give to all the faithfull His own self for
day, That the pow'rs of hell may vanish As the darkness
cry, Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

G  C  Dm

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