



Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

PICARDY

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1. Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence, and with fear and trem-bling stand;
2. King of kings, yet born of Mar-y, as of old on earth he stood,
3. Rank on rank the host of heav-en spreads its van-guard on the way,
4. At his feet the six-winged ser-aph; cher-u-bim, with sleep-less eye,

pon-der noth-ing earth-ly-mind-ed, for with bless-ings in his hand,
Lord of lords, in hu-man ves-ture, in the bod-y and the blood,
as the Light of light de-scend-eth from the realms of end-less day,
veil their fa-cies to the pres-ence, as with cease-less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de-scend-eth, our full hom-age to de-mand.
he will give to all the faith-ful his own self for heav'n-ly food.
that the pow'rs of hell may van-ish as the dark-ness clears a-way.
"Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!"