In Time's Enormous Heaven

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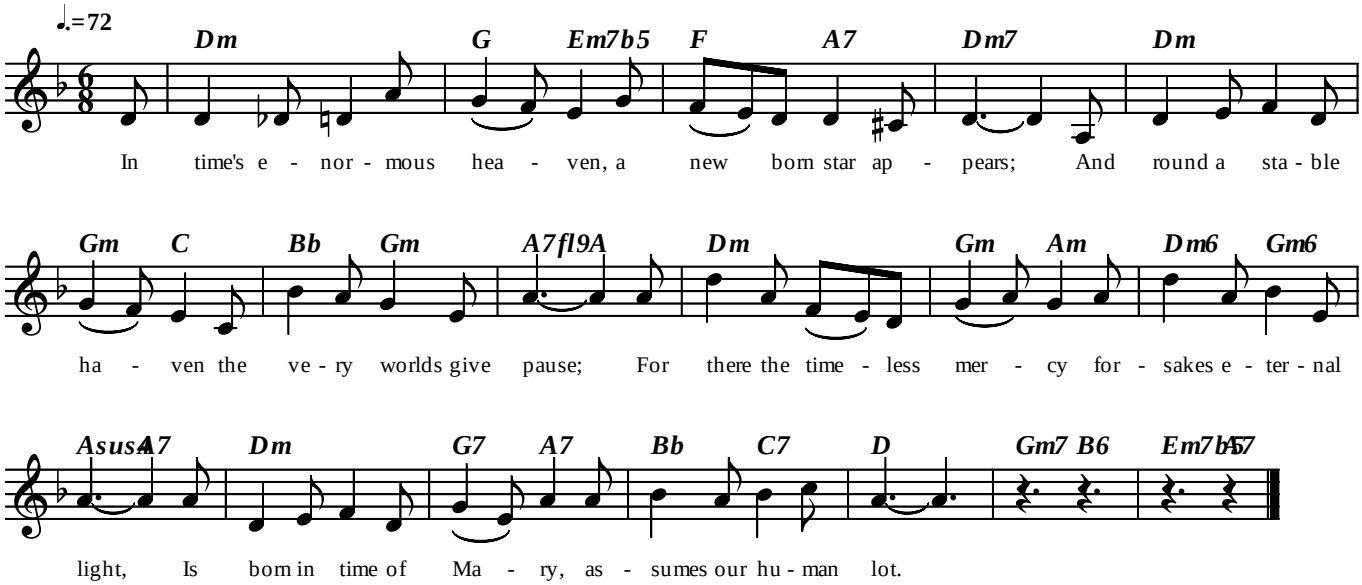

1. In time’s enormous heaven
A new-born star appears;
And round a stable haven
The very worlds give pause;
For there the timeless mercy
Forsakes eternal light,
Is born in time of Mary,
Assumes our human lot.

2. The days have been accomplished
In one on manger throned,
In homage of the humblest,
By peaceless earth disowned;
For old creation watches
This new creation lodge
Where winter winds give worship,
And beasts of earth their liege.

3. O ponder Mary, musing
Deep in your woman’s heart
The new-sung angel music
Of glory in the height,
Until those joyful tidings
Become a song of dole,
A sign for fall and rising,
A sword to pierce your soul.

4. O child for sin soon stricken
To keep our souls full well,
Child unreceived, forsaken,
Be ours this Christmas while,
Till bound to love unbounded,
New-found for your abode,
New ground we find for wonder
Before that stable bowed.

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