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ANGEL'S SONG (SONG 34). L.M. Melody and bass by O. GIBBONS,
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THEY come, God's messengers of love,
They come from realms of peace above,
From homes of never-fading light,
From blissful mansions ever bright.

2 They come to watch around us here,
To soothe our sorrow, calm our fear :
Ye heavenly guides, speed not away,
God willeth you with us to stay.

3 But chiefly at its journey's end
'Tis yours the spirit to befriend,
And whisper to the faithful heart,
" O Christian soul, in peace depart."

4 Blest Jesu, thou whose groans and tears
Have sanctified frail nature's fears,
To earth in bitter sorrow weigh'd,
Thou didst not scorn thine angel's aid ;

5 An angel guard to us supply,
When on the bed of death we lie ;
And by thine own almighty power
O shield us in the last dread hour.

6 To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
From all above and all below
Let joyful praise unceasing flow.

[R. CAMPBELL, 1814-68]

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