In Time's Enormous Heaven

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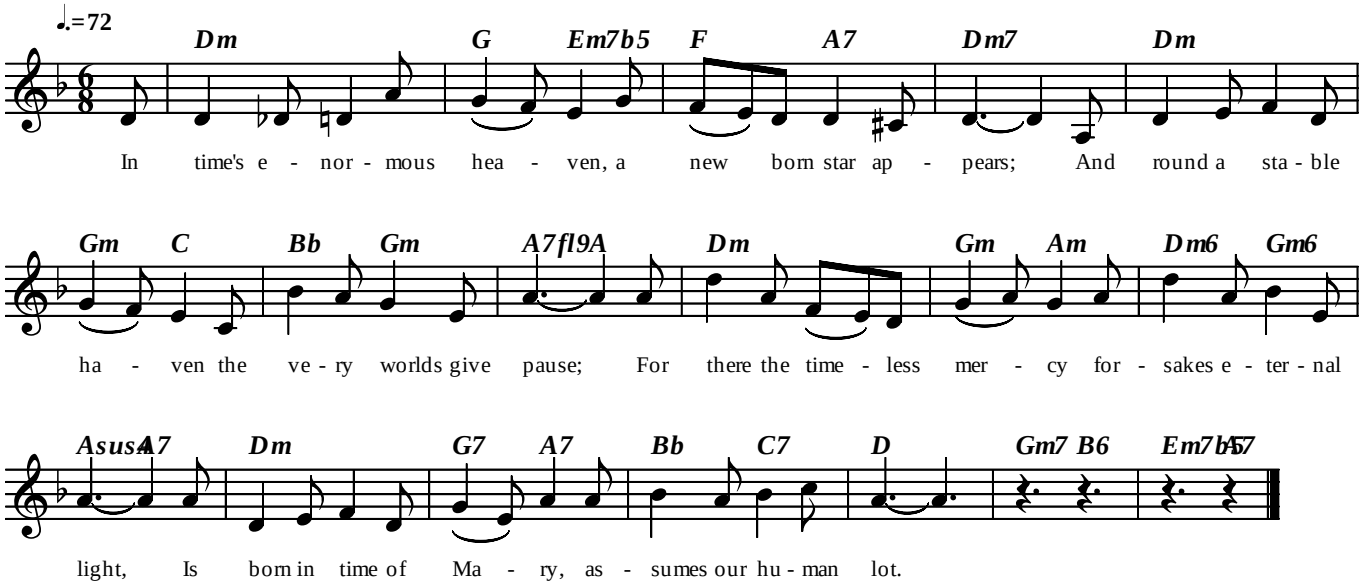

1. In time’s enormous heaven
   A new-born star appears;
   And round a stable haven
   The very worlds give pause;
   For there the timeless mercy
   Forsakes eternal light,
   Is born in time of Mary,
   Assumes our human lot.

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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