

Reflections of a Guardian Angel

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Jesus has won a lifetime of devotion from people in all ranks of life but this cannot be compared to His relationship with angels. The Bible presents several significant relationships of angels to Jesus Christ. These relationships, when taken together, emphasize the fact that Jesus Christ is exalted above and infinitely superior to the angels. Love motivated Christ to allow Himself to be made a little lower than the angels so that He could provide the only way of eternal salvation available to human beings and acceptable to God. And as a human being, although Jesus had access to legions of angels, He also must have had a guardian angel. One special angel, who was privileged to announce His birth to the shepherds, watch Him grow to manhood, minister to Him in the Garden of Gethsemane and proclaimed His resurrection at the tomb. I like to think His angel may have been overwhelmed with duty and calling, reflecting on the life of Christ and on key moments in the following poem.

Tell me how this came to be
That I was chosen to guard His humanity
To light, to guard, to rule and guide
With grace to witness by His side
The earthly life of the Son of Man

“Fear Not” was my heavenly greeting
To shepherds quietly sleeping
“Peace on Earth, good will to men,”
Angelic choruses sang this hymn
At the birth of the Son of Man

In the temple, there He stands
Twelve years old and He commands
The attention of the scribes and elders
All who marveled at His perception
He who is the Son of Man

He has grown in grace and wisdom
Preaching, loving, not condemning
But in the Garden of Gethsemane kneeling
Praying, sweating, pleading, bleeding
This obedient Son, the Son of Man

Unto death on Calvary
He wore the crown of sorrow triumphantly
He faced this terrible destiny
He is man’s Savior eternally
Blessed be the Son of Man

Christ Redeemer, King and Savior
After three days He was death’s defeater
“He has risen, He is not here,”
Overjoyed, Mary could hardly believe her ears
Great and glorious for all ages
All praises due to the Son of Man