

# KATAVASIA OF THE NATIVITY FROM THE IAMBIC CANON

## First Mode

Chanted instead of "It is Truly Right"  
on December 26<sup>th</sup>

**Andante**  $\text{J}=80$

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**D**

Ma - gi and \_\_\_\_\_ Shep - herds. came \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ma - γοι και \_\_\_\_\_ ποι με - - - νες \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mah - yee keh - - - pee meh - - - nes - - -

to - - wor - - ship - - the - - Mes - si - - ah - - Who was  
 ηλ - θον προ - - σκυ νη - - σαι - - Χρι -  
 eel - thon pro - - skee nee - - seh - - Hree -

born - in - - Beth - - le - - hem, - - the - - cit - - -  
 στον - τον - γεν - νη - θεν - τα - εν - Βη - - - θλε -  
 ston - ton - yeh - - nee - - then - - dah en - Veeth - - - leh -

y - - of - - Da - - - vid.  
 εμ - τη - πο - - λει  
 em - tee - po - - lee

**D**

Be - - ing well - - con - - tent, - - out - - of - -  
 Στερ - γενιν μεν - η - μας - ως - α -  
 Ster - yeen men - ee mas - os - ah -

fear, - - - to - - be - - si - - - lent would - be  
 κιν - - - δυ - - βον - φο - - - βωρα - ov  
 keen - - - dhee - - non - fo - - - vo rah - on

**A**

*Katavasia of the Nativity (Iambic Canon)*

Sheet music for the Katavasia of the Nativity (Iambic Canon) in G major. The music consists of eight staves of musical notation with corresponding lyrics in English and Greek. Red letters (G, D, Un., C, B) are placed above specific notes or groups of notes to indicate performance techniques.

**Staff 1:**

- Notes: G, D, Un., D.
- Lyrics: eas - i - er, since si - - - lence, hath no;
- Greek: σι - ω - πην τω πο θω δε Παρ;
- Notes: see - o - peen to po tho dheh Par -

**Staff 2:**

- Notes: > dan - - - ger; X X O Vir - - - - -
- Greek: θε - - - ve μνους υ eem - noos ee - feh
- Notes: theh - - - - - neh

**Staff 3:**

- Notes: gin, it is hard to com - pose
- Greek: νειν συν νως τε θηγ
- Notes: seen - doh nos teh

**Staff 4:**

- Notes: hymns with love X framed in har mo ny, ερ γω δες ε στιν
- Greek: με - - - - - νους ερ - γο - - - - - δης ε
- Notes: meh noos

**Staff 5:**

- Notes: but we pray thee, O MOTH - - - - - er: σθε - - - - - νος
- Greek: αλ λα και μη τηρ σθε - - - - - νος
- Notes: ah lah keh mee teer stheh

**Staff 6:**

- Notes: do thou grant us strength
- Greek: ο ση πε φυ κεν
- Notes: o see peh fee

**Staff 7:**

- Notes: as great as is our
- Greek: η προ αι ρε
- Notes: ee pro eh

**Staff 8:**

- Notes: vo li tion. rit. as great as is our
- Greek: σις δι δου δھو
- Notes: sees dhee