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Gabriel's Message

The words of this hymn, sung to a Basque melody, are centuries old. They are based on a Medieval Latin carol called *Angelus ad virginem*. It is a poetic version of the annunciation to the young maiden chosen to be Jesus' mother. The message of this hymn is familiar: it tells how angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and gave her news from heaven. This message is found in the Bible, in the first chapter of the Gospel according to Luke.

