

# Once in Distant Lands

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meter: 88D8788

The musical score consists of two staves of music in 3/8 time, key of G major (two sharps). The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef.

**Chords:** D, D, G, Em<sup>7</sup>, G, D, G<sup>9</sup>, A, D, D, G, Em<sup>7</sup>, G, D, E, A, G, G, D, Em<sup>7</sup>, G, D, Em, A.

**Lyrics:**

Once in distant lands lay waiting, one who heard the sur -  
Mar - y has con - ceived in scan - dal; how God's grace sur -  
An - swer - ing the un - ex - pect - ed, Mar - y's faith and

mess - en - ger's voice. Strugg - ling with the sac - red mean - ing,  
pris - es us all ! Can we com - pre - hend the pur - pose  
dan - ger en - twined; car - ry - ing the light with - in her,

Mar - y makes a diff - i - cult choice. To all ques - tions,  
of sal - va - tion start - ing so small? In the squal - or  
soon re - vealed to all hu - man - kind. So make room for

love's the an - answer; poor are hon -oured, rich re - fused.  
of a barn - yard, far from shel - tered, neigh - bour - hood,  
God a - mong us; peace to all, let peo - ple laud.

D                    D                    G                    Em<sup>7</sup>

Who care - will hear this time less wit ness,  
Then ful plans have been up end ed.  
we all may serve as mid wives.

as How a young girl bears us Good News?  
How can the God now turn this to good?  
for re - born fam' ly of God.