8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Luke 2:8-9



There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy"

Hamlet in Hamlet (Act 1, Scene 5)



Redemption rips through the surface of time in the cry of a tiny babe"

Bruce Cockburn , Cry of a Tiny Babe







But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."



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