

Angel Band - William Batchelder

"Angel Band" is an American Gospel music song. The poem was originally titled "My Latest Sun Is Sinking Fast." The tune was written by William Batchelder Bradbury (words) and Jefferson Hascall (music). The lyric was first set in J. W. Dadmun's tunebook The Melodeon in 1860, to a tune by Dadmun. The tune by Bradbury was published in Bradbury's Golden Shower of S.S. Melodies in 1862. The song became widely known in the 19th century, both in folk traditions and in published form, e.g. William Walker's Christian Harmony, and has been recorded by numerous artists, probably most famously by The Stanley Brothers and probably most unusually by The Monkees.

3/4 Time Key of G

(2 bars)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
G	C	G	D7	G

My latest sun is sinking fast, my race is nearly run.

(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
G	C	G	D7	G

My strongest trials now are past, my triumph is begun.

Chorus:

(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
D7	G	D7	G

Oh come Angel Band, come and around me stand.

(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)
C	G	D7	G

O bear me away on your snowy wings to my immortal home.

(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)
C	G	D7	G

O bear me away on your snowy wings to my immortal home.

I know I'm near the holy ranks of friends and kindred dear.
I've brushed the dew on Jordan's banks, the crossing must be near.

I've almost gained my Heavenly home, my spirit loudly sings.
The Holy ones, behold they come, I hear the noise of wings

O bear my longing heart to Him who bled and died for me.
Whose blood now cleanses from all sin and gives me victory.