

# The Shepherds

1. Out in the field their flocks to shield  
Lay shepherds on a night of old,  
And while folks slept, the shepherds kept  
Night watches cold (night watches cold).

2. Lo to the same an angel came  
And glory shone upon the night,  
Dazed 'neath its ray, the shepherds lay  
In sore afright (in sore afright).

3. "Be not afraid," the angel said  
"Good tidings of greay joy I bring -  
To men forlorn a child is born  
Their saviour King." (And suddenly -)

4. And suddenly about the sky  
The heav'nly host was ranged abroad;  
Around there stood a multitude  
All praising God (All praising God – x3; Tenors and Basses  
x2; Sopranos and Altos)

5. Rang through the sky, "In Heaven high,  
Glory to God!" the angels' song,  
"Let peace on Earth with this child's birth  
To men belong" (to men belong).

6. The angels gone those shepherds lone  
To seek their Lord all wond'ring speed,  
While Mary smiled on her young child  
In manger bed (in manger bed).

7. Drawn now like them to Bethlehem,  
This morn we haste to David's Town,  
That we may meet at that child's feet  
And there bow down (T&B: and there bow down  
S&A: and there bow down  
T&B: and there bow down).