

Shepherds, keeping watch by night

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Anon.

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[♩=120]

Soprano [Air]

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Alto

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Tenor

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Bass

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"Shepherds, keeping watch by night" is a quotation from Milton's *Paradise Lost*, but the remainder of the text is anonymous.

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17 CHORUS:

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Soon by many an an - gel tongue, "Glo - ry be to God," was sung, "Glo - ry,
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Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry be to God," was sung, Peace on earth! Good
 Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry be to God," was sung, Peace on earth! Good
 Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry be to God," was sung, Peace on earth! Good
 Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry be to God," was sung, Peace on earth! Good

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will to men! Christ is born in Beth - le - hem, Peace on earth! Good -
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