

# Shepherds, keeping watch by night

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Anon.

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[♩=120]

Soprano [Air]  
Shep-herds, keep -ing watch by night, Saw a -round a glo - rious light:—

Alto  
Shep-herds, keep -ing watch by night, Saw a -round a glo - rious light:

Tenor  
Shep-herds, keep -ing watch by night, Saw a -round a glo - rious light:

Bass  
Shep-herds, keep -ing watch by night, Saw a -round a glo - rious light:

Keyboard

9  
S  
Heard an an - gel voice ex - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem."

A  
Heard an an - gel voice ex - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem."

T  
Heard an an - gel voice ex - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem."

B  
Heard an an - gel voice ex - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem."

Kbd.

2. Oh, how great his grace and love  
Thus to leave his throne above,  
Thus to suffer grief and pain,  
And be born in Bethlehem!  
CHORUS

3. Joyful tidings to mankind!  
Richest grace they now may find,  
Children shall declare the same  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
CHORUS

4. Give to God your warmest praise  
For this condescending grace,  
And your hearts with love inflame,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
CHORUS

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

Circled numbers correspond with lines of text.

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17 Chorus:

S  
A  
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B

Soon by many an an - gel tongue, "Glo - ry be to God," was sung, "Glo - ry, Glo - ry,  
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Kbd.

23

S  
A  
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B

Glo - ry, Glo - ry be to God," was sung, Peace on earth! Good-will to men! Christ is born in  
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29

S  
A  
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B

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

Kbd.