

While the Shepherds were Watching

In the book the bars are not numbered and verse 2 is printed beneath verse 1 (with repeat-marks), rather than following it as shown here.

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Gaily

Sop. *f* 5
1. While the shep - herds were watch - ing, were watch - ing their sheep, An an - gel came

Alto *f*
1. While the shep - herds were watch - ing, were watch - ing their sheep, An an - gel came

Tenor *f*
1. While the shep - herds were watch - ing, were watch - ing their sheep, An an - gel came

Bass *f*
1. While the shep - herds were watch - ing, were watch - ing their sheep, An an - gel came

Sop. 10
to them and woke them from sleep. His mes - sage was sim - ple, as sim - ple as they, But

Alto
to them and woke them from sleep. His mes - sage was sim - ple, as sim - ple as they, But

Tenor
to them and woke them from sleep. His mes - sage was sim - ple, as sim - ple as they, But

Bass
to them and woke them from sleep. His mes - sage was sim - ple, as sim - ple as they, But

Sop. 15 *ff* 20
oh, what good ti - dings he gave them that day! Now sing Glo - ry to God, good - will to - wards

Alto *ff*
oh, what good ti - dings he gave them that day! Now sing Glo - ry to God, good - will to - wards

Tenor *ff*
oh, what good ti - dings he gave them that day! Now sing Glo - ry to God, good - will to - wards

Bass *ff*
oh, what good ti - dings he gave them that day! Now sing Glo - ry to God, good - will to - wards

Sop. *mf*
 men, And peace to you all on the earth: a - men. 2. Not to ru - lers and prin - ces was

Alto *mf*
 men, ___ And peace to you all on the earth: ___ a - men. 2. Not to ru - lers and prin - ces was

Tenor *mf*
 men, ___ And peace ___ to you all on the earth: ___ a - men. 2. Not to ru - lers and prin - ces was

Bass *mf*
 men, And ___ peace ___ to you all ___ on the earth: a - men. 2. Not to ru - lers and prin - ces was

Sop. 30 35
 God's word re - vealed, But to rough - and - tum - ble shep - herds who were out in the field, Who hud - dled in

Alto
 God's word re - vealed, ___ But to rough - and - tum - ble shep - herds who were out ___ in the field, ___ Who hud - dled in

Tenor
 God's word re - vealed, ___ But to rough - and - tum - ble shep - herds who were out in the field, ___ Who hud - dled in

Bass
 God's word re - vealed, But to rough - and - tum - ble shep - herds who were out ___ in the field, Who hud - dled in

Sop. 40 *ff*
 sheep - skins o - ver fires of bleak ___ thorn, Un - til they were told ___ God's ___ Son ___ had been born. Now sing

Alto *ff*
 sheep - skins o - ver fires of bleak ___ thorn, ___ Un - til they were told God's ___ Son had been born. Now sing

Tenor *ff*
 sheep - skins o - ver fires of bleak ___ thorn, Un - til they were told ___ God's ___ Son had been born. Now sing

Bass *ff*
 sheep - skins o - ver fires of bleak ___ thorn, ___ Un - til ___ they were told God's ___ Son ___ had been born. Now sing

Sop. 45 50

Glo - ry to God, good - will to - wards_ men, And peace to you all on the earth: a - men.

Alto

Glo - ry to God, good - will to - wards_ men, And peace to you all on the earth: a - men.

Tenor

Glo - ry to God, good - will to - wards_ men, And peace to you all on the earth: a - men.

Bass

Glo - ry to God, good - will to - wards men, And peace to you all on the earth: a - men.

Sop. 55

p 3. Ah Ah Ah

Alto 55

p 3. Ah Ah

Tenor 55

SOLI mp 3. Not in a bright pa - lace was young Je - sus found, But in a dim sta - ble with straw on the

Bass 55

p 3. Ah Ah

Sop. 60 65

Ah Ah

Alto 60 65

Ah Ah

Tenor

ground. His cra - dle a man - ger, and Ma - ry's soft breast Was the gen - tle warm pil - low where

Bass 60 65

Ah Ah

Sop. *ff* 70
 Now sing Glo - ry to God, good - will to - wards men, And peace to you all on the

Alto *ff*
 Now sing Glo - ry to God, good - will to - wards men, And peace to you all on the

Tenor *ff*
 he took his rest. Now sing Glo - ry to God, good - will to - wards men, And peace to you all on the

Bass *ff*
 Now sing Glo - ry to God, good - will to - wards men, And peace to you all on the

Sop. 75 *mf* 80
 earth: a - men. 4. To these sim - ple shep - herds, to the thief on the tree, God spoke in his

Alto *mf*
 earth: a - men. 4. To these sim - ple shep - herds, to the thief on the tree, God spoke in his

Tenor *mf*
 earth: a - men. 4. To these sim - ple shep - herds, to the thief on the tree, God spoke in his

Bass *mf*
 earth: a - men. 4. To these sim - ple shep - herds, to the thief on the tree, God spoke in his

Sop. 85 *f*
 mer - cy and he set us all free; And his was the ca - rol, the day Christ was born, That

Alto *f*
 mer - cy and he set us all free; And his was the ca - rol, the day Christ was born, That

Tenor *f*
 mer - cy and he set us all free; And his was the ca - rol, the day Christ was born, That

Bass *f*
 mer - cy and he set us all free; And his was the ca - rol, the day Christ was born, That

GIBBS, While the shepherds – 5

Sop. *ff* rang from a night sky as bright as the dawn. Now sing *Glo - ry to God,* good - will to - wards

Alto *ff* rang from a night sky as bright as the dawn. Now sing *Glo - ry to God,* good - will to - wards

Tenor *ff* rang from a night sky as bright as the dawn. Now sing *Glo - ry to God,* good - will to - wards

Bass *ff* rang from a night sky as bright as the dawn. Now sing *Glo - ry to God,* good - will to - wards

Sop. *100* men, And peace to you all on the earth: a - - men.

Alto men, And peace to you all on the earth: a - - men.

Tenor men, And peace to you all on the earth: a - - men.

Bass men, And peace to you all on the earth: a - - men.