

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Music: Yorkshire carol, ca. 1800

Text: NAHUM TATE, 1652-1715

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Buoyantly $\text{♩} = 72$

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Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Handbells (T.C.)

Piano

1 2 3 4 5 6

mf

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all

mf

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all

mf

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all

1 2 3 4 5 6

mf

1 2 3 4 5 6

S 1

S 2

A

H.B.

Pno.

7 8 9 10 11 12

seat-ed on the ground, _____ The an-gel of the Lord came down and glo-ry shone a - round. "Fear

mf

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mf

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7 8 9 10 11 12

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13 14 15 16 17 *cresc.*

S 1 not," said he, for might-y dread had seized their trou-bled mind; "Glad tid-ings of great

S 2 not," said he, for might-y dread had seized their trou-bled mind; "Glad tid-ings of great *cresc.*

A not," said he, for might-y dread had seized their trou-bled mind; "Glad tid-ings of great *cresc.*

H.B. 13 14 15 16 17

Pno. 13 14 15 16 17 *cresc.*

18 19 20 21 22 23 *mf*

S 1 joy I bring to you and all man - kind." "To you, in Da-vid's

S 2 joy I bring to you and all man - kind." "To you, in Da-vid's *mf*

A joy I bring to you and all man - kind." "To you, in Da-vid's *mf*

H.B. 18 19 20 21 22 23

Pno. 18 19 20 21 22 23 *mf* *dim.* *mf*

S 1 24 25 26 27 28 29
town this day, is born of Da-vid's line — The Sa - vior who is Christ the Lord, and this shall — be the

S 2
town this day, is born of Da-vid's line — The Sa - vior who is Christ the Lord, and this shall — be the

A
town this day, is born of Da-vid's line — The Sa - vior who is Christ the Lord, and this shall — be the

H.B.
24 25 26 27 28 29

Pno.
24 25 26 27 28 29

S 1 30 31 32 33 34
sign: — The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played, All

S 2
sign: — The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played, All

A
sign: — The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played, All

H.B.
30 31 32 33 34

Pno.
30 31 32 33 34

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S 1 *cresc.* 35 *mf* 36 37 38 39 40
mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."

S 2 *cresc.* *mf*
mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."

A *cresc.* *mf*
mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."

H.B. 35 36 37 38 39 40
mf *cresc.* *f*

Pno. 35 36 37 38 39 40
mf *cresc.* *f*

43

S 1 41 42 43 44 45 46
Thus spake the ser-aph, and forth - with ap - peared a shin-ing throng — of

S 2 41 42 43 44 45 46
Thus spake the ser-aph, and forth - with ap - peared a shin-ing throng — of

A 41 42 43 44 45 46
Thus spake the ser-aph, and forth - with ap - peared a shin-ing throng — of

H.B. 41 42 43 44 45 46

Pno. 41 42 43 44 45 46
dim. *cresc.* *mf*

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S 1
an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their — joy - ful song, "All glo - ry be to God on high and

S 2
an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their — joy - ful song, "All glo - ry be to God on high and

A
an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their — joy - ful song, "All glo - ry be to God on high and

H.B.

Pno.

cresc. *f*

S 1
on the earth be peace. Good - will hence - forth from heav'n to men be - gin and nev - er

S 2
on the earth be peace. Good - will hence - forth from heav'n to men be - gin and nev - er

A
on the earth be peace. Good - will hence - forth from heav'n to men be - gin and nev - er

H.B.

Pno.

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61

58 59 60 *f* 61 62

S 1
cease." "All glo - ry be__ to God on__ high, and

S 2
cease." "All glo - ry be to God on__ high, and

A
cease." "All glo - ry be__ to God on high, and

H.B.

Pno. *cresc.* *f*

63 64 65 *cresc.* 66 67 *ff*

S 1
on__ the earth be peace. Good - will hence - forth from heav'n to men be - gin and nev - er

S 2
on the earth be peace. Good - will hence - forth from heav'n to men be - gin and nev - er

A
on the earth be peace. Good - will hence - forth from heav'n to men be - gin and nev - er

H.B.

Pno. *cresc.* *ff*

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68 69 *dim.* 70 71

S 1
cease."

S 2
cease."

A
cease."

H.B.
mf *dim.* *mp*

Pno.
dim. *mp*

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks'. It features five staves: Soprano 1 (S 1), Soprano 2 (S 2), Alto (A), Horns/Bells (H.B.), and Piano (Pno.). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The vocal parts (S 1, S 2, A) have lyrics 'cease.' under measures 68 and 69. The H.B. part has dynamics *mf* at measure 68, *dim.* at measure 69, and *mp* at measure 70. The Pno. part has *dim.* at measure 69 and *mp* at measure 70. The score spans measures 68 to 71, with a double bar line at the end of measure 71.