

While Shepherds Watched

Shepherds Arise

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Shepherds arise! Be not afraid,
With hasty steps prepare,
To David's city, sin on earth
With our bless'd infant there.

*Sing, sing all earth
Eternal praises sing!
To our redeemer
To our redeemer
And our heavenly King.*

Laid in a manger view the Child,
Humility divine!
Sweet innocence sounds meek and mild.
Grace in his features shines!

Chorus

For us our Saviour came on earth,
For us his life he gave,
To save us from eternal death
And to raise us from the grave.

Chorus

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the lord came down
And glory shone around.

*Sweet bells, Sweet chiming Christmas bells
Sweet bells, Sweet chiming Christmas bells
They cheer us on our heavenly way
Sweet chiming bells.*

“Fear not” said he for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds,
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind”.

Chorus

“To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line,
A saviour who is Christ the lord
And this shall be the sign”.

Chorus

“The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands
And in a manger laid”.

Chorus

Thus spake the seraph and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God who thus
Addressed their joyful song.

Chorus

All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.

Chorus.

The Boar's Head Carol

The boar's head in hand bear I,
Bedecked with bays and rosemary.
I pray you good masters be merry,
Quot estis in convivio.

(so many as are in the feast)

Caput apri defero

Reddens laudes Domino.

*(The boar's head I bring,
giving praises to God)*

The boar's head, as I understand,
Is the rarest dish in all this land,
Which thus bedecked with gay garland
Let us servire cantico.

(let us serve with a song)

Caput apri defero

Reddens laudes Domino.

Our steward has provided this
In honour of the King of bliss
Which on this day to be served is
In Reginensi atrio

(in the Queen's hall)

Caput apri defero

Reddens laudes Domino.