

# In the field with their flocks

John Farmer (1565 - 1605)

*Allegretto*

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*Ped.*

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## FOR ONE OR MORE TREBLE VOICES

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1. In the field with their flocks a - bid - ing, They lay on the dew - y ground; And  
2. "To you in the ci - ty of Da - vid A Sa - viour is born to - day"; And  
3. And the shep - herds came to the man - ger, And gazed on the Ho - ly Child; And

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glim - m'ring un - der the star - light The sheep lay white a - round; When the light of the Lord stream'd  
sud - den a host of the heaven - ly ones Flash'd forth to join the lay. Oh, nev - er hath sweet - er  
calm - ly o'er that rude cra - dle The Vir - gin Mo - ther smiled; And the sky, in the star - lit

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o'er them, And lo, from the hea-ven a - bove, An An - gel lean'd from the glo - ry, And  
 mes - sage Thrill'd home to the souls of men; And the Heav-ens them-selves had nev - er heard A  
 si - lence, Seem'd full of the An-gel lay: "To you in the city of Da - vid A

CHORUS. TREBLES AND ALTOS.

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*ritard.* sang his song of love; He sang, that first sweet Christ - mas, The song that shall nev - er  
 glad - er choir till then, For they sang that Christ-mas ca - rol That nev - er on earth shall  
 Sa-viour is born to - day." On they sang, and I ween that nev - er The ca-rol on earth shall

*p a tempo*

*ritard.* *a tempo* *p*

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*f TUTTI*

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