

In the field with their flocks abiding

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Moderate. Unison.

1. In the field with their flocks a - bid - ing, They lay on the dew - y ground; And

6 glim - m'ring un - der the star - light, The sheep lay white a - round, When the

10 light of the Lord stream'd o'er them, And lo! from the heaven a - bove, An

14 an - gel leaned from the glo - ry And sang his song of love: He

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sang, that first sweet Christ - mas, The song that shall nev - er cease,

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"Glo - ry to God in the high - est, On earth good will and peace."

2. "To you in the City of David,
 A Saviour is born to-day!"
 And sudden a host of heav'nly ones
 Flash'd forth to join the lay!
 O never hath sweet message
 Thrill'd home to the souls of men,
 And the Heav'ns themselves had never heard
 A gladder choir till then,—
 For they sang that Christmas Carol,
 That never on earth shall cease, etc.

3. And the shepherds came to the Manger,
 And gazed on the Holy Child;
 And calmly o'er that rude cradle
 The Virgin Mother smil'd;
 And the sky, in star-lit silence,
 Seem'd full of the angel lay;
 "To you in the City of David
 A Saviour is born to-day;"
 Oh they sang— and I ween that never
 The carol on earth shall cease, etc.

(Source: Carols old and carols new, Boston, 1916)