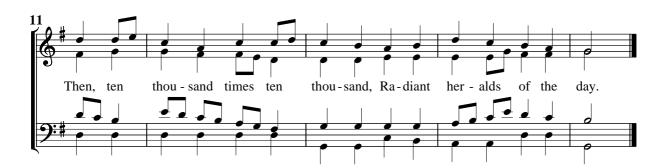
While the shepherds kept

Rev. F. S. Stone Christmas traditional







- Thus they sang the first sweet carol,
 "Glory be to God on high,
 And on earth be peace and blessing
 To the nations far and nigh!"
 So our God made good His promise,
 And the old prophetic cry.
- 3. Fuller, farther, o'er the wide world,
 Year by year the music swells;
 Year by year to some new people
 Christmas tide the story tells,
 With the chanting of the children,
 And the pealing of the bells.

- 4. Louder over hill and valley
 Let the towers and steeples ring!
 In the hamlet and the city
 Sweeter carols let us sing
 Louder peals of holy pleasure
 Sweeter carols to our King!
- 5. Hear Thy children, blessed Jesus,
 Once for us on earth a child;
 Keep us in Thy great compassion
 Holy, harmless, undefiled;
 Blest through Thee by God the Spirit,
 To the Father reconciled.
- Still we wait for Thine appearing,
 O Thou bright and Morning Star!
 Still we look to hear the rolling
 Of Thy great triumphal car;
 We, who sing Thy first glad advent,
 Know Thy second is not far.