

A Shepherd Band Their Flocks

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1. A shep-herd band their flocks are keep - ing, And gen - tle lambs are
 2. Glad tid - ings of great joy he bring - eth, The a - zure vault with
 3. "To you, this day, is born a Sav - ior, Your Pro - phet, Priest and
 4. "On earth be peace with mer - cy blend - ing, Good - will to men, and
 5. Through field and wood the song re - sound - eth, O'er hill and vale the
 6. The shep - herds view the host re - turn - ing, Their hearts with ho - ly
 7. In haste they seek the heav'n - ly Stran - ger; They find the Babe laid
 8. Now ev - ery voice with rap - ture swell - eth, For Christ the Lord with



sweet - ly sleep - ing; When sud - den - ly they all be - hold An
 an - thems ring - eth; Im - man - u - el a - wakes the song, And
 King for - ev - er; All glo - ry be to God," they cry; "All
 love un - end - ing"; Thus sweet - ly sing the an - gel throng, And
 chor - us bound - eth; Ex - ult - ing - ly the e - choes roll, And
 ar - dor burn - ing; To Beth - le - hem they wend their way, Re -
 in a man - ger; With won - der and with awe they fall, And
 mor - tals dwell - eth; Let men and an - gels Him a - dore, And



an - gel in bright robes, with harp of gold.
 count - less hosts the glo - rious theme pro - long.
 glo - ry be to God," let earth re - ply.
 all the heav'n - ly host re - hearse the song.
 hymns of tri - umph spread from pole to pole.
 - peat - ing with glad tongues th'an - gel - ic lay.
 joy - ful - ly a - dore Him, Lord of all.
 shout their loud ho - san - nas ev - er - more.

