

Shiloh

William Billings (1746-1800)

from *The Suffolk Harmony* (1786)

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1st Shepherd

1. Me - thinks I see an heav'n-ly Host of An - gels on the Wing; Me -

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thinks I hear their cheerful notes, so mer - ri - ly they sing, so mer - ri - ly they sing.

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2. Glad tid - ings I pro - claim.____
3. to Beth - le - hem re - pair;____
4. Nor Ro - yal cur - tains draw;____

2. Let all your Fears be ban - ish'd hence. Glad tid - ings I pro - claim. For
3. Lay down your crooks, and quit your Flocks, to Beth - le - hem re - pair; And
4. Seek not in Courts or Pa - la - ces; Nor Ro - yal cur - tains draw; But

2. Glad tid - ings I pro - claim.____
3. to Beth - le - hem re - pair;____
4. Nor Ro - yal cur - tains draw;____

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and Je - sus is His name, and Je - sus is His name.
by yon - der shin - ing Star, by yon - der shin - ing Star.
ex - tend - ed on the Straw, ex - tend - ed on the Straw.

there's a Sav - iour born
let your wand'ring steps
search the Sta - ble, see His name, and Je - sus is His name.
ing Star, by yon - der shin - ing Star.
the Straw, ex - tend - ed on the Straw.

there's a Sav - iour born to - day_ and Je - sus is His name, and Je - sus is His name.
let your wand'ring steps be squared by yon - der shin ing Star, by yon - der shin - ing Star.
search the Sta - ble, see_ your God ex - tend - ed on the Straw, ex - tend - ed on the Straw.

born to - day_ and Je - sus is His name, and Je - sus is His name.
steps be squared by yon - der shin ing Star, by yon - der shin - ing Star.
see_ your God ex - tend - ed on the Straw, ex - tend - ed on the Straw.

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Narrator

5. Then learn from hence, ye ru - ral Swains, the meekness of your God, Who
Narrator 6. The mas - ter of the inn re - fus'd a more com - mo - dious place; Un -

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left the bound - less Realms of Joy, to ransom you with blood, to ransom you with blood.
gen'rous Soul of sav - age mold, and des - ti - tute of Grace, and des - ti - tute of Grace.

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7. Ex - ult ye O - xen, low for joy, ye Te - nants of the Stall, —
8. The Ro - yal guest you en - ter - tain is not of com - mon Birth, —

7. ye Te - nants of the Stall, —
8. is not of com - mon Birth, —

7. Ex - ult ye O - xen, low for joy, ye Te - nants the Stall, Pay
8. The Ro - yal guest you en - ter - tain is not of com - mon Birth, but

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Un - an - i - mous - ly fall, un - an - i - mous - ly fall.
the God of heav'n and earth, the God of heav'n and earth.

ly fall, un - an - i - mous - ly fall.
and earth, the God of heav'n and earth.

your o - beisance; on — your knees Un - an - i - mous - ly fall, un - an - i - mous - ly fall.
se - cond to the Great I Am; the God of heav'n and earth, the God of heav'n and earth.

on your knees Un - an - i - mous - ly fall, un - an - i - mous - ly fall.
Great I Am; the God of heav'n and earth, the God of heav'n and earth.

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Narrator 9. Then sud - den - ly a Heav'n - ly Host a - round the Shepherds throng. Ex -
Grand Chorus 10. To God the Fa - ther, Christ the Son, and Ho - ly Ghost ac - cord; The

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ult - ing in the three - fold God, and thus ad - dress their song, and thus ad - dress their song.
frist and last, the last and first, E - ter - nal praise af - ford, E - ter - nal praise af - ford.