

Chariots

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1. O shep - herd, O shep - herd, come leave off your pip - - ing, Come ____
 2. See on yon sta - ble the star - light is shimmer - ing, And ____
 3. Bring your sheep bleat - ing to this hap - py meet - - ing, To ____
 4. The war - mon - ger's char - ger will thun - der for free - - dom, The ____
 5. As a can - dle can con - quer the de - mons of dark - - ness, As a

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 lis - - ten come learn, _____ come hear what I say. For ____
 glimmer - ing and glisten - ing and glow - - ing with glee. In ____
 hear how the lamb with the li - - on shall lie. It's ____
 gun - - ma - - ker's fur - - nace will dwin - - dle and die. And ____
 flame can keep frost from the deep - - est of cold. So a

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 now is the time that has long been fore - - spo - - ken, For ____
 Beth - - le - - hem blest _____ this ba - - by of bliss will be ____
 moo - - ing and bray - - ing you'll hear the song say - - ing, The ____
 mus - - kets and sa - - bers and swords shall be sun - - dered, Sur ____
 song can give hope in the depths of all dan - - ger, And

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 now is the _____ time there'll be new tunes to play. For ____
 Born here be _____ fore you as bold as can be. And ____
 hum - - ble and _____ low - - ly will be the most high. Let the ____
 ren - - dered to the sound that is sweep - ing the sky. And the ____
 a line of pure mel - - o - - dy soar in your soul. So ____

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 soon there comes one _____ who brings a new mu - - sic, Of ____
 you'll be the first _____ to hear the new sym - pho - - ny. ____
 horn of the herds - man be heard up in hea - - ven, For the ____
 shoes of the migh - - ty shall dance to new mea - - sures, And the ____
 sing your songs well _____ and sing your songs sweet - ly, And ____

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sweet - ness and clar - i - - ty none can com - pare. So o - - pen your
 Songs full of glad - ness and glo - ry and light. So learn your tunes
 gates are flung o - - pen for all who come near. And the sim - plest of
 jack - boots of gen' - rals shall jan - gle no more. As sis - ter and
 swear that your sing - ing it ne - ver shall cease, So the clat - ter of

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heart, for hea - - ven - - ly har - - mo - - ny, _____
 well and play your pipes proud - - ly, For the
 souls shall sing to in - - fin - - i - - ty, _____
 broth - - er and fath - - er and moth - - er, A _____
 bat - - tle and drums of dis - - a - - ster, Be _____

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Here on this hill will be fill - - ing the air.
 Prince _____ of Par - - a - - dise plays here to - - night.
 Lift up and list - - en and you _____ shall hear.
 gree with each oth - - er the end to all war.
 drowned in the sound of the pipes _____ of peace.

CHORUS

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With char - iots of cher - u - bim chant - - ing, And ser - a - phim sing - ing ho -
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 With char - iots of cher - u - bim chant - - ing, _____
 And ser - a - phim sing - ing ho -

38 - san - - - na, And a choir of arch - an - gels a - - car - ol - ing come:

- san - - - na, _____ car - ol - ing

_____ And a choir of arch - an - gels a - - car - ol - ing come:

- san _____ na, And a choir of arch - an - gels a - - car - ol - ing car - ol - ing

44 Hal - - le - - lu - - jah! Hal - - le - - lu. All the an - - gels a -

49 - trum - pet - ing glo _____ ry, In praise of the Prince of Peace. _____

1. O Shepherd O shepherd come leave off your piping
Come listen come learn come hear what I say
For now is the time that has long been forespoken
For now is the time there'll be new tunes to play
For soon there comes one who brings a new music
Of sweetness and clarity none can compare
So open your heart for heavenly harmony
Here on this hill will be filling the air

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With chariots of cherubim chanting
And seraphim singing hosanna
And a choir of archangels a-caroling come
Hallelujah Hallelu
All the angels a-trumpeting glory
In praise of the Prince of Peace

2. See on yon stable the starlight is shimmering
And glimmering and glistening and glowing with glee
In Bethlehem blest this baby of bliss will be
Born here before you as bold as can be
And you'll be the first to hear the new symphony
Songs full of gladness and glory and light
So learn your tunes well and play your pipes proudly
For the Prince of Paradise plays here tonight
3. Bring your sheep bleating to this happy meeting
To hear how the lamb with the lion shall lie
It's mooing and braying you'll hear the song saying
The humble and lowly will be the most high
Let the horn of the herdsman be heard up in heaven
For the gates are flung open for all who come near
And the simplest of souls shall sing to infinity
Lift up and listen and you shall hear
4. The warmonger's charger will thunder for freedom
The gun-maker's furnace will dwindle and die
And muskets and sabers and swords shall be sundered
Surrendered to the sound that is sweeping the sky
And the shoes of the mighty shall dance to new measures
And the jackboots of generals shall jangle no more
As sister and brother and father and mother
Agree with each other the end to all war
5. As a candle can conquer the demons of darkness
As a flame can keep frost from the deepest of cold
So a song can give hope in the depths of all danger
And a line of pure melody soar in your soul
So sing your songs well and sing your songs sweetly
And swear that your singing it never shall cease
So the clatter of battle and drums of disaster
Be drowned in the sound of the pipes of peace

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