

from *The Suffolk Harmony*, 1786

Shiloh

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Verse 1

S. Me thinks I see an heav'n-ly host Of An-gels on the wing; Me thinks I hear the
A. Me thinks I see an heav'n-ly host Of An-gels on the wing; Me thinks I hear the
T. 8 Me thinks I see an heav'n-ly host Of An-gels on the wing; Me thinks I hear the
B. Me thinks I see an heav'n-ly host Of An-gels on the wing; Me thinks I hear the

7 cheer-ful notes, So mer - ri - ly they sing, so mer - ri - ly they sing.
cheer-ful notes, So mer - ri - ly they sing, so mer - ri - ly they sing.
cheer-ful notes, So mer - ri - ly they sing, so mer - ri - ly they sing.
cheer-ful notes, So mer - ri - ly they sing, so mer - ri - ly they sing.

12 Glad tid - ings I pro - claim,
Let all your fears be ban - ish'd hence, Glad tid - ings I pro - claim, For
Let all your fears be ban - ish'd hence, Glad tid - ings I pro - claim, For
Glad tid - ings I pro - claim,

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And Je - sus is his name, and Je - sus is his name.

there's a Sav - ior born his name, and Je - sus is his name.

there's a Sav - ior born to- day, And Je - sus is his name, and Je - sus is his name.

born to- day, And Je - sus is his name, and Je - sus is his name.

23 Verse 2

Lay down your crooks and quit your flocks, To Beth-le - hem re - pair; And let your wan - d'ring

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steps be squared By yon - der shin - ing star, by yon - der shin - ing star.

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Nor royal curtains draw.
Seek not in courts nor palaces, Nor royal curtains draw; But
Seek not in courts nor palaces, Nor royal curtains draw; But
Nor royal curtains draw.

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ex - tend - ed on the straw, ex - tend - ed on the straw.
search the sta - ble, See the straw, ex - tend - ed on the straw.
search the sta - ble, See your God ex - tend - ed on the straw, ex - tend - ed on the straw.
See your God ex - tend - ed on the straw, ex - tend - ed on the straw.

45 Verse 3

Then learn from hence, ye ru - ral swains, The meek - ness of your God, Who left the bound - less
Then learn from hence, ye ru - ral swains, The meek - ness of your God, Who left the bound - less
Then learn from hence, ye ru - ral swains, The meek - ness of your God, Who left the bound - less
Then learn from hence, ye ru - ral swains, The meek - ness of your God, Who left the bound - less

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realms of joy To ran - som you with blood, to ran - som you with blood.

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A more com-mo - dious place:

The mas - ter of the in re-fused A more com-mo - dious place: Un-

The mas - ter of the in re-fused A more com-mo - dious place: Un-

A more com-mo - dious place:

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And des - ti-tute of grace, and des - ti-tute of grace.

gen' - rous soul of sav - age of grace, and des - ti-tute of grace.

gen' - rous soul of sav - age mould And des - ti-tude of grace, and des - ti-tute of grace.

sav - age mould And des - ti-tude of grace, and des - ti-tute of grace.

67 Verse 4

Ex - ult ye o - xen, low for joy, Ye te - nants of the stall; Pay your o - bei - sance;

Ex - ult ye o - xen, low for joy, Ye te - nants of the stall; Pay your o - bei - sance;

Ex - ult ye o - xen, low for joy, Ye te - nants of the stall; Pay your o - bei - sance;

Ex - ult ye o - xen, low for joy, Ye te - nants of the stall; Pay your o - bei - sance;

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On your knees un - an - i - mous - ly fall, un - an - i - mous - ly fall.

On your knees un - an - i - mous - ly fall, un - an - i - mous - ly fall.

On your knees un - an - i - mous - ly fall, un - an - i - mous - ly fall.

On your knees un - an - i - mous - ly fall, un - an - i - mous - ly fall.

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is not of com - mon birth,

The ro - yal guest you en - ter-tain is not of com - mon birth, But

The ro - yal guest you en - ter-tain is not of com - mon birth, But

is not of com - mon birth,

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the God of heav'n and earth, the God of heav'n and earth.
se - cond in the Great and earth, the God of heav'n and earth.
se - cond in the Great I Am, the God of heav'n and earth, the God of heav'n and earth.
Great I Am, the God of heav'n and earth, the God of heav'n and earth.

89 Verse 5

Then sud-den-ly a heav'n-ly host A - round the shep - herds throng, Ex - ult - ing in the
Then sud-den-ly a heav'n-ly host A - round the shep - herds throng, Ex - ult - ing in the
Then sud-den-ly a heav'n-ly host A - round the shep - herds throng, Ex - ult - ing in the
Then sud-den-ly a heav'n-ly host A - round the shep - herds throng, Ex - ult - ing in the

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Three-fold God, And thus ad - dress their song, and thus ad - dress their song.
Three-fold God, And thus ad - dress their song, and thus ad - dress their song.
Three-fold God, And thus ad - dress their song, and thus ad - dress their song.
Three-fold God, And thus ad - dress their song, and thus ad - dress their song.

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And Ho - ly Ghost ac - cord
 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And Ho - ly Ghost ac - cord The
 8 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And Ho - ly Ghost ac - cord The
 And Ho - ly Ghost ac - cord

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The first and last, af - ford, E - ter - nal praise af - ford.
 first and last, e - ter - nal af - ford, E - ter - nal praise af - ford.
 8 first and last, the first and last E - ter - nal praise af - ford, E - ter - nal praise af - ford.
 first and last E - ter - nal praise af - ford, E - ter - nal praise af - ford.