

Song of the Shepherd Children

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Based on Luke 2:15-20

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With excitement (♩ = 132)

Piano *f*

The first system shows the piano introduction. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The music is marked 'With excitement' and 'f' (forte). The treble staff features a series of chords and moving lines, while the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter notes.

4 Optional Group 1 *mf*

Oh, tell us, please, dear shep - herd friends, what

mf

The second system begins at measure 4, marked 'Optional Group 1' and 'mf' (mezzo-forte). The vocal line (treble clef) starts with a whole rest followed by the lyrics 'Oh, tell us, please, dear shep - herd friends, what'. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

7 is this news you bring? We saw the land - scape

The third system begins at measure 7. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'is this news you bring? We saw the land - scape'. The piano accompaniment continues with harmonic support.

10 bathed in light, we heard the an - gels sing! The

The fourth system begins at measure 10. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics 'bathed in light, we heard the an - gels sing! The'. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord and a fermata over the final note.

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13 Part II (optional)

II sky was filled_ with har - mo - nies more won - drous than_ the

Part I

I sky was filled_ with har - mo - nies more won - drous than_ the

16

sun. We could - n't help_ but ask our - selves:_____

Ped.

19

“Is this the Pro - mised

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22

One?"

Musical score for measures 22-24. The vocal line has a whole rest. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

25 Optional Group II

Oh, let us tell you, dear - est friends, the

Musical score for measures 25-27. The vocal line contains the lyrics "Oh, let us tell you, dear - est friends, the". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line.

28

mar - vel of that birth. A song of love came

Musical score for measures 28-30. The vocal line contains the lyrics "mar - vel of that birth. A song of love came". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line.

31

down from heav'n, and peace to all the

Musical score for measures 31-32. The vocal line contains the lyrics "down from heav'n, and peace to all the". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line. The system ends with a double bar line and repeat arrows.