

# The Shepherds Had an Angel

Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1856

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 6/8. The tempo is marked with a quarter note followed by '=110'. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, with the first system containing three numbered lines of text. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

$\text{♩} = 110$

1. The shep - herds had an an - gel, The wise men had a  
2. Those shep - herds, through the lonely night, Sat watch - ing by their  
3. Christ watch - es me, His little lamb, Cares for me day and

star, But what have I, a lit - tle child, To guide me home from  
sheep, Un - til they saw the heaven - ly host Who nei - ther tire nor  
night, That I may be His own in Heaven: So an - gels clad in

far Where glad stars sing to - ge - ther, And sing - ing an - gels are?  
sleep, All sing - ing "Glo - ry, glo - ry" In fes - ti - val they keep.  
white Shall sing their "Glo - ry, glo - ry," For my sake in the height.