

In the Country Nigh to Bethlehem

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1. In the coun - try nigh to Beth - le-
2. Hap - ly, through their long night-watch-
3. As they watched, a burst of glo-
4. "Un - to you in Da - vid's ci-
5. "Glo - ry, glo - ry, in the high-



- hem On a star - ry night of old, There were in the fields a - bid - ing, Shep - herds with
 - es, They made hill and val - ley ring With the songs of ho - ly glad - ness Which King Da -
 - ry Shone a - round them from a - bove, And a might-y glor - ious an - gel Calmed their fears
 - ty, As was told by pro - phet's word, Christ is born, your God and Sav - ior, Christ is born,
 - est, Un - to God, and peace on earth; To all na - tions joy - ful bring we Tid - ings glad



- their flocks in fold. Round the flocksthe faith - ful shep - herds Kept their watch from eve till
 - vid used to sing. Songs of praise to God their shep - herd, Who de - fend - ed them from
 with words of love: "Fear not, for be - hold, I bring you Tid - ings full of great - est
 your king and Lord." Sud - den - ly a host of an - gels Raised their voic - es high and
 of Je - sus' birth." Lift we now our hearts and voic - es, Join we all with cheer - ful



morn, Lest their sheep, so weak and help - less, Should by e - vil beasts be
 ill, And their wea - ry, wan - dering foot - steps Guid - ed to the wa - ters
 joy, Joy e - ter - nal, full of glad - ness, Joy which no - thing can des -
 sang, Till the vault - ed arch of Hea - ven With the e - choing cho - rus
 cry, Learned by shep - herds from the an - gels, "Glo - ry be to God on

