

Shiloh

from *The Suffolk Harmony* (1786)

SATB a cappella

William Billings
(1746-1800)

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Soprano
1st Shepherd 1. Me - thinks I see an heav'n - ly Host of An - gels on the Wing; Me -
Narrator 5. *Then learn from hence, ye ru - ral Swains, the meek-ness of your God, Who*
Narrator 6. The mas - ter of the inn re - fus'd a more com - mo - dious place; Un -
Narrator 9. *Then sud - den - ly a Heav'n - ly Host a - round the Shep-herds throng. Ex -*
Grand Chorus 10. To God the Fa - ther, Christ the Son, and Ho - ly Ghost ac - cord; The

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Bass
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thinks I hear their cheer - ful notes, so mer - ri - ly they sing, so mer - ri - ly they
left the bound - less Realms of Joy, to ran - som you with blood, to ran - som you with
gen' - rous Soul of sav - age mold, and des - ti - tute of Grace, and des - ti - tute of
ult - ing in the three - fold God, and thus ad - dress their song, and thus ad - dress their
frist and last, the last and first, E - ter - nal praise af - ford, E - ter - nal praise af -

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NOTE: The text underlay is done so that the Angels text is always with the 6/4 section, and the other characters always sing the duple section.

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sing. 1st Angel Glad tid - ings I pro - claim. —
blood. (all verses) to Beth - le - hem re - pair; —
 Grace. Nor Ro - yal cur - tains draw; —
song. ye Te - nants of the Stall, —
 ford. is not of com - mon Birth, —

sing. 1st Angel 2. Let all your Fears be ban - ish'd hence. Glad tid - ings I pro - claim. For
blood. (all verses) 3. Lay down your crooks, and quit your Flocks, to Beth - le - hem re - pair; And
 Grace. 4. Seek not in Courts or Pa - la - ces; Nor Ro - yal cur - tains draw; But
song. 7. Ex - ult ye O - xen, low for joy, ye Te - nants of the Stall, Pay
 ford. 8. The Ro - yal guest you en - ter - tain is not of com - mon Birth, but

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 (all verses) to Beth - le - hem re - pair; —
 Nor Ro - yal cur - tains draw; —
 ye Te - nants of the Stall, —
 is not of com - mon Birth, —

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and Je - sus is His name, and Je - sus is His name.
 by yon - der shin - ing Star, by yon - der shin - ing Star.
 ex - tend - ed on the Straw, ex - tend - ed on the Straw.
 Un - an - i - mous - ly fall, un - an - i - mous - ly fall.
 the God of heav'n and earth, the God of heav'n and earth.

there's a Sav - iour born His name, and Je - sus is His name.
 let your wand' - ring steps ing Star, by yon - der shin - ing Star.
 search the Sta - ble, see the Straw, ex - tend - ed on the Straw.
 your o - bei - sance; on ly fall, un - an - i - mous - ly fall.
 se - cond to the Great and earth, the God of heav'n and earth.

there's a Sav - iour born to - day, and Je - sus is His name, and Je - sus is His name.
 let your wand' - ring steps be squared by yon - der shin - ing Star, by yon - der shin - ing Star.
 search the Sta - ble, see your God ex - tend - ed on the Straw, ex - tend - ed on the Straw.
 your o - bei - sance; on your knees Un - an - i - mous - ly fall, un - an - i - mous - ly fall.
 se - cond to the Great I Am; the God of heav'n and earth, the God of heav'n and earth.

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