

To Shepherds As They Watched By Night

CHRISTMAS

Words: Martin Luther, 1543. translated by Richard Massie, 1854.

Music: 'Vom Himmel Hoch' traditional German from Schumann's Geistliche Lieder, Leipzig, 1839.

Setting: "Common Service Book" (ULCA), 1917.

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1. To shep - herds as they watched by night Ap - peared a host of an - gels bright;
2. At Beth - le - hem, in Da - vid's town, As Mi - cah did of old make known;
3. Oh, then re - jice that through His Son God is with sin - ners now at one;
4. What harm can sin and death then do? The true God now a - bides with you.
5. Not one He will or can for - sake Who Him his con - fi - dence doth make.

Be - hold the ten - der Babe, they said, In yon - der low - ly man - ger laid.
'Tis Je - sus Christ, your Lord and King, Who doth to all sal - va - tion bring.
Made like your - selves of flesh and blood, Your Bro - ther is th'e - ter - nal God.
Let hell and Sa - tan rage and chafe, Christ is your Bro - ther ye are safe.
Let all his wiles the Temp - ter try, You may his ut - most pow'rs de - fy.

6. Ye shall and must at last prevail;
God's own ye are, ye cannot fail.
To God forever sing your praise
With joy and patience all your days.