

The Story of the Shepherd

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Soprano
Alto



1. It was the ve - ry noon of night: the stars a - bove the fold, _____ More
2. O ne'er could night - in - gale at dawn sa - lute the ri - sing day _____ With
3. I roused me at the pierc - ing strain, but shrunk as from the ray _____ Of
4. When once the rapt-urous trance was past, that so my sense could bind, _____ I
5. I hast - en'd to low - roof - ed shed, for so the An - gel bade; _____ And

Tenor
Bass



5

S.
A.



sure than clock or chim - ing bell, the hour of mid - night told: When
sweet - ness like that bird of song in his im - mor - tal lay: O
sum - mer light - ning; all a - round so bright the spel - dour lay. For
left my sheep to Him whose care breath'd in the west - ern wind; I
bowed be - fore the low - ly rack where Love Di - vine was laid: A

T.
B.



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S.
A.



from the heav'n's there came a voice, and forms were seen to
ne'er were wood - notes heard at eve by banks with pop - lar
oh, it mas - ter'd sight and sense, to see that glo - ry
left them, for in - stead of snow, I trod on blade and
new - born Babe, like ten - der Lamb, with Li - on's strength there

T.
B.



12

S.
A.

shine, Still bright' - ning as the mu - sic rose with light and love di -
 shade So thrill - ing as the con - cert sweet by heav'n - ly harp - ings
 shine, To hear that min - strel in the clouds, who sang of Love Di -
 flow'r, And ice dis - solved in star - ry rays at morn - ing's gra - cious
 smiled; For Li - ons strength, im - mor - tal might, was in that new - born

T.
B.

16

S.
A.

vine. With love di - vine the song be - gan; there shone a light se -
 made; For love di - vine was in each chord, and fill'd each pause be -
 vine, To see that form with bird - like wings, of more than mor - tal
 hour, Re - veal - ing where on earth the steps of Love Di - vine had
 Child; That Love Di - vine in child - like form had God for ev - er

T.
B.

20

S.
A.

rene:
 tween:
 mien: O, who hath heard what I have heard of seen what I have
 been;
 been:

T.
B.

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S.
A.

seen? O, who hath heard what I hath heard, or seen what I have seen?

T.
B.