

Shepherds Left Their Flocks a-Straying

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14th century German carol

Quem pastores laudavere

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♩ = 90 F C F B \flat C F C7 Dm G C

1. Shep-herds left their flocks a-stray-ing, God's com-mand with joy o-bey-ing,
2. Wise Men came from far— and saw him: Knelt in hom-age to a-dore him;
3. Let us now is ev'-ry na-tion Sing his praise with ex-ul-ta-tion.

5 F B \flat F B \flat C A Dm G F Gm C F

When they heard the an-gel say-ing: "Christ is born— in Beth-le-hem."
Pre-cious gifts they laid be-fore him: Gold and fran-in-cense and myrrh.
All the world shall find sal-va-tion In the birth of Mar-y's Son.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a 14th-century German carol. It is written for piano accompaniment in 6/8 time, with a tempo of 90 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first four measures of the piece, and the second system contains measures 5 through 8. Each measure is accompanied by a chord symbol above it. The lyrics are provided in three parts: 1. Shepherds, 2. Wise Men, and 3. Let us now. The lyrics are written below the piano part. The score ends with a double bar line at the end of measure 8.