



WHY DO THE SHEPHERDS SING?

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1 Joyously (♩ = ca. 126)

2 Shep-herds were liv - ing out in the field, keep - ing their watch oae night, when

3 sud - den - ly the east - ern sky, there shone a heav - en - ly light.

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13 Run - ning and shout - ing, they came in - to town, with joy - ous

14 Run - ning and shout - ing, they came in - to town, pro - claim - ing with joy - ous

15 mirth, tell - ing the peo - ple what they had had a glo - ri - ous birth,

21 Why do they sing? Why do they shout? What is this cel - c -

25 bra - tion a - bour? What is the mean - ing of the news they bring? Why do the shep -

29 sing? Why do the shep - herds sing? For years we have wait - ed

35 for a sig - na - ture - cy - fil - filled, an - nounc - ing the dawn of God's King - dom ac -

39 cord - ing to his will. What was the vis - ion the shep - herds had seen?

41 What was the gleam in their eyes? Where were they sing - ing and danc - ing a - round,

47 joy - ous fill - ing the skies?

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B- E^b F B^b B^b E^b F

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bra-tion a - bout? What is the mean - ing of the news they bring? Why do the shep - herds

G^b D^b G^b D^b C^b F B-D E^b G^b/D C^b D^b

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sing? Why do the shep - herds sing? Why do the shep - herds sing

G^b C^b D^b G^b D^b G^b D^b G^b/F^b F

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and shout? Why do the shep - herds sing and shout?

D^b G^b D^b G^b G^b/E^b F D^b D^b

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mf all *rit.*

Why do the shep - herds sing and shout? What is this cel - e - bra -

A^b A^b/F^b G E^b E^b B^b E^b/A^b

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tion a - bout? Why do they sing?

E B^b G^b E^b/A^b F C F^b

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Why do they shout? What is this cel - e - bra-tion a - bout? What is the mean - ing of the

G^b C^b/A^b C^b F^b G^b A^b E^b/A^b E^b/A^b D^b G^b

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news they bring? "Je - sus is born!" they "Praise to the new - born

C C^b F F^b D^b E^b D^b E^b

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all *dim.* *non rit.*

King!" Why do the shep - herds sing!

A^b D^b E^b A^b E^b A^b E^b A^b E^b A^b

non rit.

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