

Shepherds, What Joyful Tidings

15th Century Dutch Carol

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1. Shep - herds, what joy - ful tid - ings Have made you sing and play?
2. When they drew near the sta - ble They saw the new - born Child
3. Sweet-ly He slept and slum - bered, In Ma - ry's arms so mild,

Long have we been a - wait - ing The Lamb that came to - day.
Lain on straw in the man - ger Like lamb on up - land wild
Shep - herds hum - bly a - dored Him And Ma - ry then re - plied,

Cher - u - bim, ser - a - phim sang to us mer - ri - ly, "Fear not, but hur - ry ye
Tear - ful His ti - ny lids wa - vered with shud - der - ing, Cold was the wel - come they
"Back to your fold, car - ry peace and tran - quil - i - ty, My lit - tle Son gives you

o - ver to Beth - le - hem."
gave Him in Beth - le - hem.
peace and love ev - er - more."