

Behold the Grace Appears

(sung at Bethersden)

William Jarvis of Bethersden's music book, now owned by Francis Oliver of High Halden. Lyrics by Isaac Watts 1674-1748

N.B. The dynamics for Verse 5. are mostly indicated as quieter dynamics. The usual dynamics are given in the score above and shown in Verse 2. and these are to be observed and sung for all of the other verses.

1. *f* Be - hold, be - hold, the grace _____ ap - pears, _____ Thy pro - mise is ful -
 - filled, _____ Thy pro - mise is *p* ful - filled Ma - - ry the _____ won - drous *mp*
 vir - - - gin, bears, _____ *mf* And Je - sus _____ *f* is the _____ child And
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2. ("f") The Lord, the Lord, the highest God,
 Calls Him His only Son, (2x)
 He bids Him rule the lands abroad,
 ("p") And gives him David's throne.
 ("mp") And gives him David's throne.
 ("mf") And gives him David's throne.
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3. O'er Jacob, Jacob, shall He reign,
 With a peculiar sway, (2x)
 The nations shall His grace obtain,
 His kingdom ne'er decay. (4x)

4. To bring, to bring the glorious news,
 A heavenly form appears, (2x)
 He tells the shepherds of the news,
 And banishes their fears. (4x)

5. ("f") 'Go, humble, humble swains,' did say,
 'To David's city fly, (2x)
 ("p") The promised Infant born today,
 ("p") Doth in a manger lie.'
 ("mp") Doth in a manger lie.'
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6. With looks, with looks, and hearts serene,
 'Go visit Christ your King,' (2x)
 And straight a flaming troop was seen,
 The shepherds heard them sing. (4x)

7. In worship, worship, so divine,
 Let saints employ their tongues, (2x)
 With the celestial hosts we join,
 And loud repeat their songs. (4x)

8. All glory, glory to God on high!
 And heav'nly peace on Earth, (2x)
 Goodwill to men, to angels joy,
 At our Redeemer's birth. (4x)