

"Shepherds Rejoice" (Bolton Tune)

Dr. Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music by John Fawcett, Bolton, Lancs. (1789-1867)

♩ = 90

Harmony

Melody

1. Shep - - - herds re - - - joice, lift up - - - your
 2. Je - - - sus the God, whom an - - - gels
 3. No gold nor pur - - - ple swadd - - - ling
 4. Go shep - - - herds where the in - - - fant

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(1) eyes, And send your fears a - - - way and send your
 (2) fear, Comes down to dwell with you, comes down to
 (3) bands, No roy - al shi - ning things, And roy - - - al
 (4) lies, And see his hum - ble throne, And see his

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(1) fears a - - way; News from the re - gions of the skies, Sal -
 (2) dwell with you; To - day he makes his en - - trance here, But not as
 (3) shi - - ning things; A man - ger for his cra - - dle stands, And holds the
 (4) hum - ble throne: With tears of joy in all your eyes, Go, shep - - herds,

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(1) va - - tion's born, Sal - - va - - tion's born to - - - day, Sal -
 (2) mo - - narchs do, But not as mo - - narchs do, But
 (3) King of Kings, And holds the King of Kings, And
 (4) shep - - herds, kiss, Go shep - - herds, kiss the Son, Go

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(1) born to - - - day, Sal - - va - - tion's (born to - - - day,
 (2) mo - - narchs do, But not as do, mo - - narchs do,
 (3) King of Kings, And holds the King of Kings, Kings,
 (4) kiss the Son, Go shep - herds, kiss the Son.

(1) va - - tion's born to - - - day.
 (2) not as mo - - narchs do.
 (3) holds the King of Kings.
 (4) shep - - herds, kiss the Son.

Original transcription by Tony Singleton (ed.), April 2019. This arrangement by Kathy Wallwork. Tony says: "Tune from a ms book used at Bilsington, Kent, where the original words set to it were Charles Wesley's hymn, "Behold the glories of the Lamb"." Through internet research, this hymn, like the carol above, is in fact found to have been written not by Charles Wesley, but by Dr Isaac Watts.