

## CAROL FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

GASCON, 16th century

*mf* = 80

1. Lis - ten, lord-lings, un - to me, a tale I will you tell; Which, as on this  
 2. Shep-herds lay a - field that night to keep the sil - ly sheep, Hosts of an - gels  
 3. On - ward, then, the an - gels sped, the shep-herds on-ward went, God was in his

night of glee, in Da - vid's town be - fell. Jo - seph came from Naz - a - reth with  
 in their sight came down from heav'n's high steep. Ti - dings ! ti - dings ! un - to you: to  
 man - ger bed, in wor - ship low they bent. In the morn - ing, see ye mind, my

Ma - ry, that sweet maid: Wea - ry were they, nigh to death; and for a lodg - ing  
 you a Child is born, Pur - er than the drops of dew, and bright - er than the  
 mas - ters one and all, At the al - tar him to find who lay with - in the

CHORUS  
*Piu mosso*

*ff* pray'd. Sing high, sing low, Sing high, sing low, sing to and fro, Go tell it out with  
 morn.  
 stall. *ff* Sing high,  
 Sing low,

speed, Cry out, and shout all round a - bout That Christ is born in - deed.

CHANTONS, BERGERS, NOËL, NOËL

*Vivace* ♩ = 176

Besançon Carol

*Two singers to each part*

*mf*

1. Shep-herds! shake off your drow - sy sleep, Rise and leave your sil - ly sheep;  
 2. Hark! e - ven now the bells ring round, Lis - ten to their mer - ry sound;  
 3. See how the flow'rs all burst a - new, Think - ing snow is sum - mer dew;  
 4. Shep-herds! then up and quick a - way, Seek the Babe at break of day;

*mf*

An - gels from heav'n a - round loud sing - ing, Ti - dings of great joy are bring - ing.  
 Hark! how the birds new songs are mak - ing, As if win - ter's chains were breaking.  
 See how the stars a - fresh are glow - ing, All their bright - est beams be - stow - ing.  
 He is the hope of ev'r - y na - tion, All in him shall find sal - va - tion.

CHORUS

*ff* *poco rit.*

Shep-herds! the cho - rus come and swell! Sing No - ël, Oh, sing No - ël.

*ff*