

# The Choir of Shepherds

Matins for the Nativity of Christ  
Canon II, Canticle III, Stanza II  
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**Allegretto; gently and not too fast**

*mp*

1. The choir of shep - herds in the field was  
2. Their eyes be - held the all - blest Child of  
3. They saw as well the an - gel ranks, Who

o - ver-whelm'd by grace re - veal'd For they were  
Ma - ry pure and un - de - fil'd The Bride who  
sang in praise and heart - felt thanks Of Christ the

priv' - leg'd to be - hold a strange and glo - rious scene un -  
ne - ver knew a man And bore the Son by sac - red  
King di - vine on earth, In - car - nate through the Vir - gin

**REFRAIN** (louder and more joyful each time!)

fold:  
plan. Christ is born, Christ is born, glo - - - ri - fy Him!  
birth.

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