



“THE NATIVITY WINDOW” designed by Tiffany Studios in early 1900

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Luke 2: 13-14

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.”



THE SHEPHERDS' NEWS

Unsuspecting shepherds, quietly tending flocks, beneath a starry ebony sky
Were caught unaware, when piercing the night, was a radiant angel from on high
As they watched in wonder, countless angels gathered, soaring in the heavens all around
All praising God, in one ethereal voice, causing the hills to come alive with their sound.

That shepherds were the first, to greet the Lamb of God, is not what one might expect
But it's plain for all to see, that to ordinary people, the Father shows love and respect
The enormity of it all, is hard for one to capture, that God freely chose to be with us
Harder yet to grasp, is the long awaited King, would be born in a manger without fuss.

Raised by a family, in modest surroundings, special advantages Jesus did not find
Yet His entire conduct, and outlook on life, was an example for all mankind
He came to set man free, from the snare of sin, and from their own human fears release
"Glory to God in the Highest!" Our Lord had arrived to offer peace.

Each heart must accept, God came to earth, to live and die and then to live again
Sharing this with man, would draw them close to Him, with the purpose of our souls to win
Because of lowly shepherds, the Good News traveled over 20 centuries of time
Oh what grandeur! Oh what power! God's love provides thoughts so sublime!