

# 89. The shepherds' farewell

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*Allegretto (♩ = 50)*

*(v. 3: Un poco più lento)*

SOPRANO  
ALTO

TENOR  
BASS

PIANO  
or  
ORGAN

Oboes                  Strings

Clars.

*p* 1. Thou must leave thy low - ly  
*p* 2. Bless - ed Je - sus, we im -  
*\*sempre pppp* 3. Blest are ye be - yond all

8                  *v. 2*

*(all voices)*

dwell-ing, The hum - ble crib, the sta - ble bare, Babe, all mor - tal  
 -plore thee With hum - ble love and ho - ly fear, In the land that  
 mea-sure, Thou hap - py fa - ther, mo - ther mild! Guard ye well your

*(Accompaniment doubles voice parts)*

15                  *v. 3*  
 alto

*poco f*                  *(v. 1 only)*

*vv. 1  
and 2*

babes ex - cel-ling, Con - tent our earth-ly lot to share, Lov - ing  
 lies be - fore thee, For - get not us who lin - ger here! S. May the  
 heav'n-ly trea-sure, The Prince of Peace, the Ho - ly Child! A. God go

fa - ther, lov - ing mo - ther, Shel - ter thee with ten - der  
shepherd's low - ly call - ing Ev - er to thy heart be  
with you, God pro - tect you, Guide you safe - ly through the  
the shepherd's low - ly call - ing

v.3 ♩ (all voices)

care! Lov - ing fa - ther, lov - ing mo - ther, Shel - ter  
dear! May\_ the shep - herd's low - ly call - ing Ev - er  
wild! God\_ go with\_ you, God\_ pro - tect\_ you, Guide you

poco rit. p

Tempo I

vv. 1 and 2

D.C.

thee\_ with ten - der care,\_\_\_\_ shel - ter thee\_ with ten - der care!  
to\_\_\_\_ thy heart\_ be dear,\_\_\_\_ ev - er to\_\_\_\_ thy heart\_ be dear!  
safe - ly through the wild,\_\_\_\_ guide you safe - ly through the

v. 3

wild!

v. 3 Oboes