

SHEPHERD This is clearly from the “He Shall Feed His Flock Like A Shepherd” aria in Handel’s MESSIAH. It is paired here with stanzas one and seven of Watts’ Christmas text. Handel himself probably heard (when he was in Rome in 1707-9) and was inspired by the Italian Christmas carol tune QUANDO NASCETTE NINNO which is, in the words of the *New Oxford Book of Carols*, “remarkably similar.” So from folk carol to Handel’s aria to a folk hymn to folk carol!

SHEPHERD. S.M. *Sharp Key on A.*

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Watts’ *Hymns & Spiritual Songs*, 1707

from Handel’s MESSIAH, arr. by Wm. Walker
Walker’s *Southern Harmony*, 1835

1. Be - hold, the Grace ap - pears, — The Prom - ise is — ful - fill'd; — Mar - y the won - drous Vir - gin bears and Je - sus is the child.

2. Glo - ry to God on high, — And heav'n - ly peace — on earth, — Good - Will to Men, to an - gels joy, at the Re - deem - er's birth.