

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse: from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
Is. 11:1

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told the rose I
3. The shep - herds heard the sto - ry, pro - claimed by
4. This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness
5. O Sav - ior, child of who felt our

stem hath sprung, of lin - se's com - ing,
have in mind; with we be - hold it,
• an - gels bright, how Lord of glo - ry,
fills the air, dis - pel with glo - rious splen - dor
hu - man woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry,

as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'r - et bright,
the vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right
• was born on earth this night. To Beth - le - hem they sped
the dark - ness ev - 'ry where. True man, yet ver - y God;
who dost our weak - ness know, bring us at length, we pray,

a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
she bore to men a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
• and in the man - ger found him, as an - gel her - alds said.
from sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
to the bright courts of heav - en and to the end - less day.

German hymn, ca. 1500
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German melody, 15th cent.
Arr. by Michael Praetorius, 1609; alt.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. Luke 2:8

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
2. "Fear not," said he— for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind—
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is born of Da - vid's line,
4. "The heav'n - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,

the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
"glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
the Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:
all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."

5. Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

6. "All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth, from heav'n to men,
begin and never cease!"