

There were shepherds... Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion

Recitative, chorus and air from the oratorio the *Messiah* (soprano)

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14a. Recitative: Luke 2: 8

There were shepherds abiding in the field,
[ðɛɹ wɜ 'ʃɛp.ədz ə.'ba:ɪd.ɪŋ ɪn ðə fɪld]

keeping watch over their flocks by night.
['kɪp.ɪŋ watʃ 'o:ʊ.və ðɛɹ flɒks ba:ɪ na:ɪt]

14b. Accompanied recitative: Luke 2: 9

And lo! the angel of the Lord came upon them,
and the glory of the Lord shone round about them,
and they were sore afraid.

15. Recitative: Luke 2: 10-11

And the angel said unto them:

"Fear not, for behold...

16. Accompanied recitative: Luke 2: 13

And suddenly there was with the angel,
a multitude of the heav'nly host...

17. Chorus: Luke 2: 14

"Glory to God in the highest,
and peace on earth...

18. Air: Zechariah 9: 9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!

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IPA transcription is available for download.

Thank you!

