

A Shepherd's Hymn

These glorious lines of Richard Crashaw (1613-1649) are found in his fine extended poem "In the Holy Nativity of our Lord God: A Hymn Sung as by Shepherds". The musical setting juxtaposes passages for four part "a cappella" choir with those for six voice choir accompanied by organ, and the movement leads straight into the chorus "Shall I silent be?".

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