

# THERE WERE SHEPERDS

Soprano Recitative from "Messiah"

George Friedrich Handel

*Very quietly, slowy and sustained.*

Voice *pp*

There were shep - herds a - bid - ing in the field, keep - ing

Piano *pp*

*pp* watch o - ver their flocks by night. *Andante.* (♩=92) *p* And

*pp* *Andante.* (♩=92) *p*

lo! the an - gel of the Lord came up - on them,

*p*

*cresc.* *p*

and the glo - ry of the Lord shone round a - bout them,

*p rall.* *pp*

and they were sore a - fraid.

*rall.* *slow.* *The small notes may be omitted.*

RECIT. *f* *(brightly)*

And the an - gel said un - to them: "Fear not, for be -

hold, I bring you good tid - ings of great joy, which shall

Slowly and tenderly.

*pp*

*pp*

be to all peo - ple;

for un - to you is born this

day, in the ci - ty of

Da - vid, a Sa - viour, which is

*long*

*slower*

*pp*

*pp*

*ff*

*Con Moto.* (♩=66)

Christ, the Lord."

*f*

And

*dim.*

sud - den - ly there was with the an - gel a mul - ti - tude

*p*

*or:*

prais - ing God and say - ing:

*f* *p* *cresc.*

of the heav'n - ly host, prais - ing God, and say - ing:

*f* *rall.* *slower*

*cresc.* *rall. colla voce*