

# Listen to the Lambs

A Religious Characteristic in the form of an  
**Anthem**

For Eight-part Chorus of Mixed Voices

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Moderato  
*weirdly*

Soprano  
Lis-ten to the lambs! Lis-ten to the lambs!

Alto  
Lis-ten to the lambs! Lis-ten to the lambs!

Tenor  
All a-cry-ing!

Bass  
All a-cry-ing!

Accomp. (only for rehearsal)  
Moderato

Lis-ten to the lambs! All a-cry-ing, *cresc.*

Lis-ten to the lambs! All a-cry-ing, *cresc.*

*espress.* All a - cry - ing! *cresc.* All a-cry-ing, all a-cry-ing,

All a - cry - ing! *cresc.* All a-cry-ing, all a-cry-ing,

*cresc.*

all a - cry - ing, cry - ing, *rit. a tempo*

all a - cry - ing, all, all a - cry - ing, *rit. a tempo*

all a - cry - ing, cry - ing! Lambs! *rit. a tempo*

all a - cry - ing, all all a - cry - ing! Lis-ten to the lambs! *rit. a tempo*

All a-cry-ing, all a-cry-ing,

All a-cry-ing, all a-cry-ing,

Lambs! Lambs!

Lis-ten to the lambs! Lis-ten to the lambs!

*molto cresc.* *f* *sf*

all a - cry - ing, all a - cry - ing, all a - cry - ing,

*molto cresc.* *f* *sf*

all a - cry - ing, all a - cry - ing, all a - cry - ing,

*molto cresc.* *f* *sf*

All a - cry - ing, all a - cry - ing, all a - cry - ing,

*molto cresc.* *f* *sf*

All a - cry - ing, all a - cry - ing, all a - cry - ing, all;

*dim.* *p*

all a - cry - - ing, all a - cry - ing!

*dim.* *p*

all a - cry - - ing, all a - cry - ing!

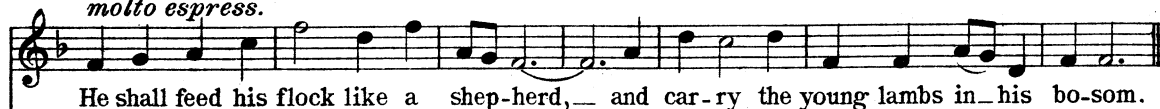
*dim.* *p*

all a - cry - - ing, all a - cry - ing!

*dim.* *p*

all a - cry - - ing, all a - cry - ing!

Meno mosso  
SOLO SOPR.  
*molto espress.*



SOLO TENOR  
*con bocca chiusa (humming)*



SOLO BASS I  
*con bocca chiusa (humming)*

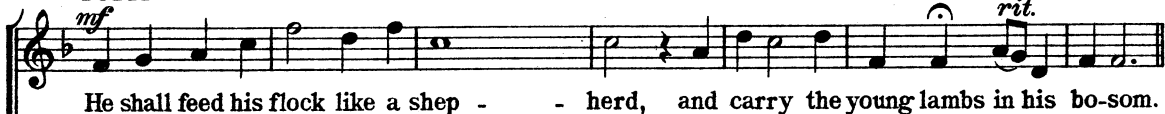


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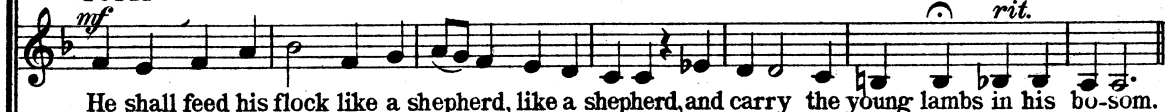
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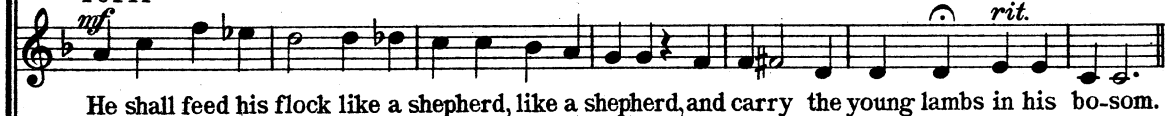
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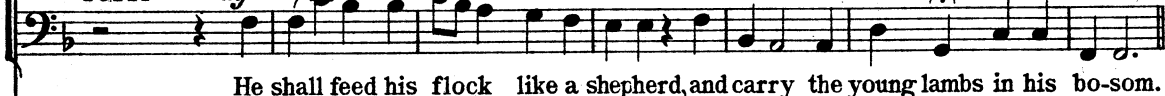
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*a tempo*  
*f e marcato*

*dim. - - molto*

*f e marcato a tempo*

*dim. - - molto*

*f e marcato a tempo*

*dim. - - molto*

*f e marcato a tempo*

*dim. - - molto*

*f e marcato a tempo*

*dim. molto*

**Soprano Solo**

*mf molto espress.*

*f*

He shall feed his flock like a shep-herd, and car-ry the young lambs in his bo-som, and

*f*

som, and

*pp*

*f*

som, and

*pp*

*f*

som, and

*pp*

*f*

som, and

*pp*

*f*

*pp*  
 car-ry the young lambs in his bo-som, in his bo-som, in his bo-som,  
*pp*  
 car-ry the young lambs in his bo-som, in his bo-som, in his bo-som,  
*mf*  
 car-ry the young lambs in his bo - - -  
*mf*  
 car-ry the young lambs in his bo - - -  
*pp*  
 car-ry the young lambs in his bo-som, in his bo-som, in his bo-som,

*pp*  
 in his bo-som, in his bo-som, in his bo-som the young lambs.  
*pp*  
 in his bo-som, in his bo-som, in his bo-som: lambs.  
*pp*  
 som, the young lambs.  
*pp*  
 som, the young lambs.  
*pp*  
 in his bo-som, in his bo-som, in his bo-som: lambs.

*mf* *f* *Tempo I<sup>o</sup>*  
*mp* *marc. e rit.* *mp* *marc. e rit.* *mp* *marc. e rit.*

Ah! \_\_\_\_\_ lis-ten! Ah! \_\_\_\_\_ lis-ten! Lis-ten to the lambs,  
 Ah! \_\_\_\_\_ lis-ten! Ah! \_\_\_\_\_ lis-ten! Lis-ten to the lambs,  
 Ah! \_\_\_\_\_ lis-ten! Ah! \_\_\_\_\_ lis-ten!  
 Ah! \_\_\_\_\_ lis-ten! Ah! \_\_\_\_\_ lis-ten!

*mf* *f* *Tempo I<sup>o</sup>*  
*mp* *marc. e rit.* *mp* *marc. e rit.* *mp* *marc. e rit.*

All a-cry-ing! Lis-ten to the lambs, All a - cry - ing! Lis-ten to the lambs!  
 All a-cry-ing! Lis-ten to the lambs, All a - cry - ing! Lis-ten to the lambs!  
 All a-cry-ing!  
 All a-cry-ing!

**TUTTI** *mf* **Semi-Chorus** *mp* **TUTTI** *mf* **Semi-Chorus** *mp*

All a-cry-ing! Lis-ten to the lambs, All a - cry - ing! Lis-ten to the lambs!  
 All a-cry-ing! Lis-ten to the lambs, All a - cry - ing! Lis-ten to the lambs!  
 All a-cry-ing!  
 All a-cry-ing!

*mf* *mp* *mf* *mp*

N.B. \* Prolong the "n" of the last syllable of "listen" into a hum.  
 Author.

**TUTTI**  
*f* All a - cry - ing, all a - cry - ing, all \_\_\_\_\_ *ff*

**TUTTI**  
*f* All a - cry - ing, all a - cry - ing, all \_\_\_\_\_ *ff*

**TUTTI**  
*f marcato* Lis - ten to the lambs a - cry - ing, lis - ten to the lambs a - cry - ing, all \_\_\_\_\_ *ff*

**TUTTI**  
*f marcato* Lis - ten to the lambs a - cry - ing, lis - ten to the lambs a - cry - ing, all \_\_\_\_\_ *ff*

a - - cry - - - - ing! \_\_\_\_\_ *pp* A - - men. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ a - cry - - - - ing! \_\_\_\_\_ *pp* A - - men. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ a - cry - - - - ing! \_\_\_\_\_ *pp* A - - men. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ a - cry - - - - ing! \_\_\_\_\_ *pp* A - - men. \_\_\_\_\_