



Shepherd All,  
and Maidens Fair

Walter E. Macfarren  
(1828-1905)

**Walter Cecil Macfarren** (1826–1905) was in London, the younger brother of one of the leading Victorian composers, George Alexander Macfarren. He was a chorister at Westminster Abbey and sang at Queen Victoria's coronation. He had thoughts of becoming an artist, taking lessons in painting, but entered the Royal Academy of Music, studying the pianoforte and composition. He became a sub-professor of the pianoforte and was on the staff of the Royal Academy fifty-seven years. Macfarren was musical critic for the 'Queen' newspaper from 1862 until his death. He was chiefly concerned with teaching the piano and had some distinction as a conductor. He suffered from weak eyesight, but did not become totally blind, as did his brother. He composed many small pianoforte pieces and choral works, including two church services and many part-songs. He wrote no large-scale choral or dramatic works and wrote only a limited amount of orchestral music.

Shepherds all and maidens fair,  
Fold your flocks up, for the air  
'Gins to thicken, and the sun  
Already his great course hath run.  
See the dewdrops how they kiss  
Every little flower that is,  
Hanging on their velvet heads  
Like a rope of crystal beads.  
And let your dogs lie loose without,  
Lest the wolf come as a scout  
From the mount, and ere day  
Bear a lamb or kid away,  
Or the crafty thievish fox  
Break upon your simple flocks.

from "The Faithful Shepherdess"  
John Fletcher (1579–1625)

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W. C. Macfarren

Allegretto molto vivace ♩ = 152

S *f staccato*  
Shep - herds all and maid - ens fair, Fold your flocks up, for the

A *f staccato*  
Shep - herds all and maid - ens fair, Shep - herds all, Fold your flocks up, for the

T *f staccato*  
Shep - herds all and maid - ens fair, Shep - herds all, Fold your flocks, the

B *f staccato*  
Shep - herds all and maid - ens fair, \_\_\_\_\_ Fold your flocks up, for the\_\_

S <sup>4</sup>  
air 'Gins to thick - en, and the sun Al - read - y his great course, the\_\_

A  
air 'Gins to thick - en, and the sun Al - read - y his great course, the\_\_

T  
air 'Gins to thick - en, and the sun his course,

B  
air 'Gins \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ thick - en, and the sun Al - read - y\_\_

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S sun his great course hath run. See the dew - drops *p cantabile*

A sun his course hath run. See the dew - drops *p cantabile*

T his great course hath run, his course hath run. See the dew - drops *p cantabile*

B his great course hath run. See the dew - drops *p cantabile*

10

S how they kiss Ev - 'ry lit - tle flow'r that is, Hang - ing on their vel - vet

A how they kiss Ev - 'ry lit - tle flow'r that is, Hang - ing on their vel - vet

T how they kiss Ev - 'ry flow - er that is, Hang - ing on their vel - vet

B how they kiss Ev - 'ry lit - tle flow'r that is, Hang - ing on their vel - vet

14

S heads Like a rope of crys - tal beads. Shep - herds all, shep - herds *cresc.*

A heads Like a rope of crys - tal beads. Shep - herds all, shep - herds *cresc.*

T heads Like a rope of crys - tal beads. Shep - - - herds *cresc.*

B heads Like a rope of crys - tal beads. Shep - - - herds *cresc.*

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17 *f staccato*

S all and maid - ens fair, Fold your flocks up, for the

A *f staccato* all and maid - ens fair, Shep - herds all, Fold your flocks up, for the

T *f staccato* all and maid - ens fair, Shep - herds all, Fold your flocks, the

B *f staccato* all and maid - ens fair, Fold your flocks up, for the

20

S air 'Gins to thick - en, and the sun Al - read - y his great course, the

A air 'Gins to thick - en, and the sun Al - read - y his great course, the

T 8 air 'Gins to thick - en, and the sun his course,

B air 'Gins to thick - en, and the sun Al - read - y

23 *ff*

S sun his great course hath run. And let your dogs lie loose with - out, Lest the

A sun his course hath run. And let your dogs lie loose with - out, Lest the

T 8 his great course hath run. And let your dogs lie loose with - out, Lest the

B his great course hath run. And let your dogs lie loose with - out, Lest the

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S wolf come as a scout From the mount, and ere day Bear a lamb or kid a - way, Or the *p*

A wolf come as a scout From the mount, and ere day Bear a lamb a - way, Or the *p*

T wolf come as a scout From the mount, and ere day Bear a lamb a - way, Or the *p*

B wolf come as a scout From the mount, and ere day Bear a lamb a - way, Or the *p*

29

S craft - y thiev - ish fox Break up - on your sim - ple flocks. Lest the wolf as a *cresc.*

A craft - y thiev - ish fox Break up - on your sim - ple flocks. Lest the wolf as a *cresc.*

T craft - y thiev - ish fox Break up - on your sim - ple flocks. Lest the wolf

B craft - y thiev - ish fox Break up - on your sim - ple flocks. Lest the wolf

32

S scout Bear a lamb or kid a - way, Or the craft - y thiev - ish *cresc.*

A scout Bear a lamb or kid a - way,

T as a scout Bear a lamb or kid a - way, Or the craft - y thiev - ish *cresc.*

B as a scout Bear a lamb or kid a - way,

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35 *f* *cresc.*

S fox Break, break on your flocks, Break up - on your sim - ple

A *cresc.* Or the craft - y thiev - ish fox, on your flocks, Break up - on your sim - ple

T *f* *cresc.* fox Break, break on your flocks, Break up - on your sim - ple

B *cresc.* Or the craft - y thiev - ish fox, on your flocks, Break up - on your sim - ple

38 *ff pesante* *a tempo staccato*

S flocks, Break on your flocks. Shep - herds all and maid - ens

A *ff pesante* *a tempo staccato* flocks, Break on your flocks. Shep - herds all and maid - ens

T *ff pesante* *a tempo staccato* flocks, Break on your flocks. Shep - herds all and maid - ens

B *ff pesante* *a tempo staccato* flocks, Break on your flocks. Shep - herds all and maid - ens

41

S fair, Fold your flocks up, for the air 'Gins to thick - en, and the

A fair, Shep - herds all, Fold your flocks up, for the air 'Gins to thick - en, and the

T fair, Shep - herds all, Fold your flocks, the air 'Gins to

B fair, Fold your flocks up, for the air 'Gins to



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S  
sun Al - read - y his great course, the sun his great course hath

A  
sun Al - read - y his great course, the sun his course hath

T  
thick - en, and the sun his course, his great course hath

B  
thick - en, and the sun Al - read - y his great course hath

47

S  
run. See the dew - drops how they kiss Ev - 'ry

A  
run. See the dew - drops how they kiss Ev - 'ry

T  
run, his course hath run. See the dew - drops how they kiss Ev - 'ry

B  
run. See the dew - drops how they kiss Ev - 'ry

50

S  
lit - tle flow'r that is, Hang - ing on their vel - vet

A  
lit - tle flow'r that is, Hang - ing on their vel - vet

T  
flow - er that is, Hang - ing on their vel - vet

B  
lit - tle flow'r that is, Hang - ing on their vel - vet

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S heads Like a rope of crys - tal beads. Shep - herds all, shep - herds

A heads Like a rope of crys - tal beads. Shep - herds all, shep - herds

T heads Like a rope of crys - tal beads. Shep - - - herds

B heads Like a rope of crys - tal beads. Shep - - - herds

*cresc.*

56

S all and maid - ens, maid - ens fair, Fold your flocks up, shep - herds,

A all and maid - ens, maid - ens fair, Fold your flocks up, shep - herds,

T all and maid - ens, maid - ens fair, Fold your flocks up, shep - herds,

B all and maid - ens, maid - ens fair, Fold your flocks up, shep - herds,

*f* *cresc.*

59

S Fold your flocks up, shep - herds, Fold your flocks up, shep - herds

A Fold your flocks up, shep - herds, Fold your flocks, shep - herds

T Fold your flocks up, shep - herds, Fold your flocks up, shep - herds

B Fold your flocks up, shep - herds, Fold your flocks up, shep - herds

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62

S *ff* all and maid - ens fair, and maid - ens fair, *sf* Shep - herds all, maid - ens

A *ff* all and maid - ens fair, and maid - ens fair, *sf* Shep - herds all, maid - ens

T *ff* all and maid - ens fair, and maid - ens fair, *sf* Shep - herds all, maid - ens

B *ff* all and maid - ens fair, and maid - ens fair, *sf* Shep - herds all, maid - ens

65

S *sf* fair, Shep - herds all and maid - ens fair! *ff* Shep - herds all!

A *sf* fair, Shep - herds all and maid - ens fair! *ff* Shep - herds all!

T *sf* fair, Shep - herds all and maid - ens fair! *ff* Shep - herds all!

B *sf* fair, Shep - herds all and maid - ens fair! *ff* Shep - herds all!

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