

Rise up, you shepherds

Cheerfully (like a calypso)

Words and music by Ian A. Lawrence

F B \flat F

1. Shep-herds watch— ing their sheep one night Were

C7 F B \flat

sit— ting up— on a hill— side, When all at once— in a

F C7 F

blaze of light An an— gel stood— be— fore them.

B \flat F C7 F

"Don't be fright—ened," the an - gel said, "But

F Bb

hur - ry down— from the hill - side. A

F C7

ba - by boy— in a man - ger bed Is

F Bb

born for you— and all men." Angels: A boy is

F C7 F

born, Rise up you shep—herds And hear the news we

Am Bb F Gm G7

bring. A boy is born, Rise up you shep—herds And

C Bb C/Bb Am7 Dm

see the new - born king. A boy is born, Rise

Gm C7 F Am Bb

up you shep—herds And hear the hea - vens

F Gm G7

ring. A boy is born, Rise up you shep—herds And

C Bb C/Bb Am7 Dm

see the new - born king. king.

Gm C7 F F

1 Shepherds watching their sheep
one night
Were sitting up on a hillside,
When all at once in a blaze of light
An angel stood before them.
'Don't be frightened,' the angel said,
'But hurry down from the hillside.
A baby boy in a manger bed
Is born for you and all men.'

Angels:

*A boy is born,
Rise up, you shepherds
And hear the news we bring.
A boy is born,
Rise up, you shepherds
And see the new-born king.
A boy is born,
Rise up, you shepherds
And hear the heavens ring.
A boy is born,
Rise up, you shepherds
And see the new-born king.*


2 Then the shepherds forgot their
fear,
Were calm and no longer trembled.
They gathered joyfully round to
hear
About the wonderful birth.
Over Bethlehem, in the sky
A host of angels assembled,
All singing 'Glory to God on high
Goodwill and peace upon earth'.

Angels:

A boy is born, etc.



Maracas could play the rhythm of the first line of the song repeatedly throughout the verse:

Maracas 

Shep-herds watch-ing their sheep one night

Wood-blocks or claves could play a different pattern for the chorus:

Wood-block 

Try to keep a light, relaxed and bouncy sound in this song. For a performance where 'angels' are not required to sing the chorus on their own, you can substitute the line *Hear the angels sing* for *Hear the news we bring* each time it occurs.