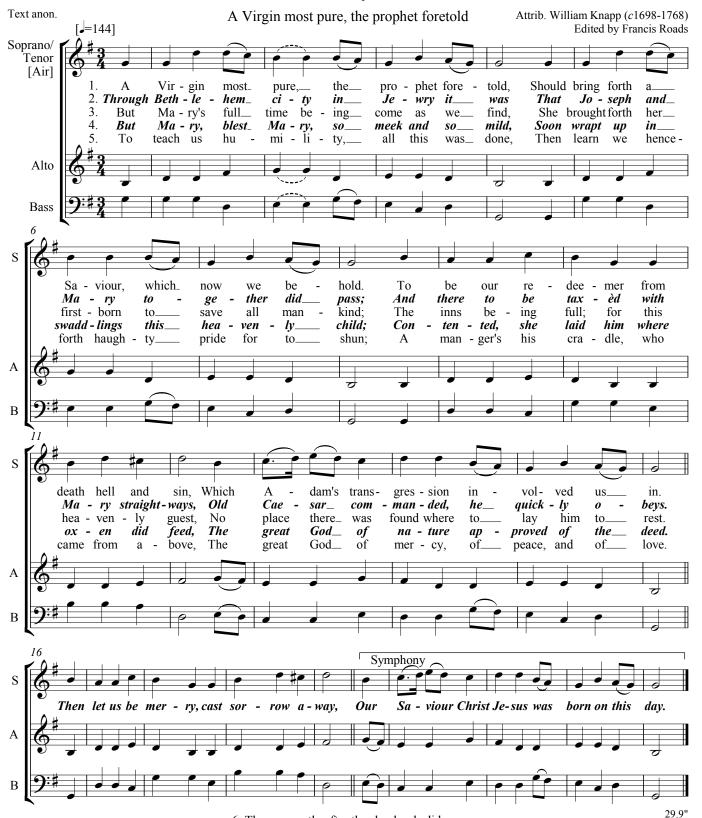
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6. Then presently after the shepherds did spy Vast numbers of angels to stand in the sky; So merrily talking, so sweet they did sing, All glory and praise to our heavenly King.

This tune is listed in Temperley's *Hymn Tune Index* (Oxford, 1998) as Tune 1681a, and ascribed there to William Knapp, in whose publication *Anthems for Christmas Day* ... (London, 1744) it is first known to have appeared in print, and from which this edition is made. However, many versions of both text and tune are found in the folk tradition. Knapp is known to have drawn music for his publications from a variety of sources. On this and on stylistic grounds, it appears doubtful to the present editor whether this tune was composed by Knapp himself, though the harmonisation is probably his.