

# The Mouldy Cheese Madrigal

A Christmas Ballet  
SSATB unaccompanied

Text: HK

Thomas Morely (1557-1603)  
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*Note: We view the shepherds, abiding in the fields and keeping watch over their flocks by night, as those plain and simple folk who were the first visited by the angels. The Ballett (Fa-la), a Renaissance form of the madrigal, also evokes those same pastoral images. These humble shepherds were the first to bring mouldy cheeses to the manger.*

**Brightly**  $\text{♩} = 72$   
*mf*

S1  
See the dawn is break - ing, Sleep - ing shep - herds wak - ing.  
*mf* Un - to us is giv - en God's own Son from hea - ven.

S2  
See the dawn is break - ing, Sleep - ing shep - herds wak - ing.  
*mf* Un - to us is giv - en God's own Son from hea - ven.

A.  
See the dawn is break - ing, Sleep - ing shep - herds wak - ing.  
*mf* Un - to us is giv - en God's own Son from hea - ven.

T.  
See the dawn is break - ing, Sleep - ing shep - herds wak - ing.  
*mf* Un - to us is giv - en God's own Son from hea - ven.

B.  
See the dawn is break - ing, Sleep - ing shep - herds wak - ing.  
*mf* Un - to us is giv - en God's own Son from hea - ven.

5 *mp*

Fa la la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la

Fa la la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la

Fa la la, Fa la la, Fa la la la la la

Fa la la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la

Fa la la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la

9 *mf*

la. la. And is it ve - ry far To Beth - l'em's yon - der star?  
off - 'ring can we bring To give the lit - tle king?

la. la. And is it ve - ry far To Beth - l'em's yon - der star?  
off - 'ring can we bring To give the lit - tle king?

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Cold and a-fraid we may be As we go to see the ba - by. The maid-en calls us  
 A coat of fur to warm him And a lit - tle lamb to charm him. Some milk and mould-y

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near him, And there with the beasts re - vere him. *mp* Fa la la la la la la la  
 chees - es We give to the Ho - ly Je - sus. *mp*

near him, And there with the beasts re - vere him. *mp* Fa la la la, Fa la  
 chees - es We give to the Ho - ly Je - sus. *mp*

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 chees - es We give to the Ho - ly Je - sus. *mp*

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24 *cresc.*

la, Fa la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la la, Fa la

la la la la, Fa la la la la,

la, Fa la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la la la, la

la la la, Fa la la la la la la la la, Fa la

la la la la la la la la, Fa la la la

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la la la la la la la la la la la. What la.

Fa la la la la la. What la.

la, Fa la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la. What la.

la, Fa la la la la la la la la la la. What la.

la la la la la, Fa la la la la la la. What la.

1. 2.