

# St. Dunstan's Red and White

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## Only The Shepherds.

Only the shepherds heard that song,  
Those lowly men of quiet ways  
Were chosen from the world's great throng,  
To hear the wondrous hymn of praise :  
Not to the monarchs velvet clad—  
Not to the sages seeming wise,  
Came any echo of that glad  
Sweet carol from the midnight skies.

To shepherds only—humble men,  
Clean as the wind-swept heights they trod,  
That message came, beyond the ken  
Of men who had forgotten God :  
And so He shamed our pride of power—  
Our craving for the joys that cease,  
When to the poor, that holy hour,  
His angels sang the song of peace.

—Lucy Gertrude Clarkin.