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Shepherds *in a field*

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Joy is the expression of
our anchored hope & settled peace.





The Shepherds *Ran & Told*

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