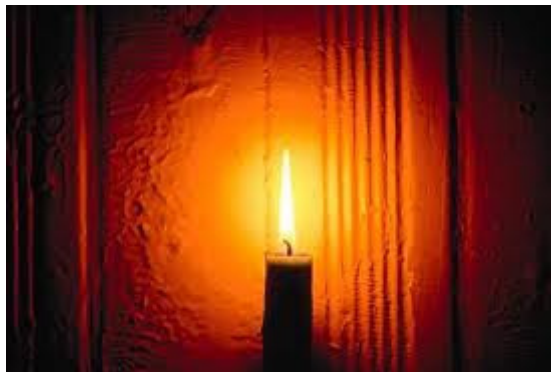


Light a Candle

For SATB choir (with optional semi-chorus) and organ



Music by Liz Lane

Words by Jennifer Henderson

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Were there shepherds on the hillside
at the moment of his birth,
keeping guard beside the sheepfold
in the watches of the night?
Were there angels in the heavens
bending low toward the earth,
singing: 'Peace to all the nations!'
in a sudden, blinding light?

Light a candle burning bright,
keeping watch beside its flame;
in the darkness of the night,
light a candle in his name.

Did they wrap their cloaks around them
in the lonely midnight chill,
they who were not kings or sages
or the rulers of the land?
But if poor men heard the music
in glad tidings of good will,
they were first to see the brightness
of that day and understand.

Light a candle at this dawn
that will set the heart aflame!
On the day that he is born
light a candle in his name.

Jennifer Henderson

Duration: 3 minutes

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