

The Shepherd's Song (pars)

Lo, how the firmament
Within an azure fold
The flock of stars hath pent,
That we might these behold.
Yet from their beams proceedeth not this light,
Nor can their crystals such reflection give.
What there doth make the element so bright?
The heavens are come down upon earth to live.
But hearken to the song:
'Glory to Glory's King!
And peace all men among.'

Edmund Bolton (1575-1633)