

## **Behind the Hymn: The Shepherd's Carol**

As December 1997 arrived, I hadn't planned on writing any more Christmas carols that season, having already written several. But I came across an old translation of a native American carol. It intrigued me, and I sensed the Lord drawing me toward it. So I wrote a completely new text, using the same 16<sup>th</sup> century French melody.

Here we see the Christmas story through a fresh lens, from a culture outside our own. We view it through eyes less jaded to its magnificence.

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