Kommet ihr Hirten

A Czech Carol
Background

This folk song hails from Bohemia, the lands located in the western half of the Czech Republic in Central Europe. While known as Nesem vám noviny in Czech and Come, You Shepherds in English, the carol is typically sung in neighborly German.

The song, first sung in 1605 and written down in 1847, calls the shepherds and other commoners of Bethlehem to see the newborn Jesus Christ.
First Section
Complete Song (with metric modulation)