

# *Fair waved the golden corn*

*Tune: Ceres*

*Lyrics: John Hampden Gurney  
(1802-1862)*

*Tune: Giovanni Paisiello (1740-1816),  
arranged by Kim Tame*

*John Hampden Gurney was born in London and educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. He became an Anglican priest. Rev. Gurney published three collections of hymns; his best known works include - Ye holy angels bright, Yes God is good in earth and sky, We saw thee not when thou didst come, Through centuries of sin and woe, Lord as to thy dear cross we flee, Great King of nations, hear our prayer.*

*Giovanni Paisiello was born in Italy and studied music at the Conservatorio di S. Onofrio at Naples. While in Naples, he wrote a series of successful operas and a substantial body of church music. He lived for a time in Russia and France, where despite being a favourite of Napoleon, he failed to gain a popular following. He returned to Italy.*

*Paisiello composed at least 94 operas, at least eight masses and over 50 other compositions.*



*Version: Lead sheet - treble with chords and lyrics*

*Arrangement: Kim Tame*

*Difficulty: easy*

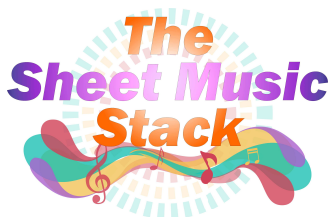
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Guitar; Capo 1, use chords in brackets

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In Canaan's pleasant land,  
When full of joy, some shining morn,  
Went forth the reaper hand.*

*To God so good and great  
Their cheerful thanks, they pour;  
Then carry to his temple gate  
The choicest of their store.*

*Like Israel, Lord, we give  
Our earliest fruits to thee,  
And pray, that long as we shall live,  
We may thy children be.*

*Thine is our youthful prime,  
And life and all its powers:  
Be with us in our morning time,  
And bless our evening hours.*

*In wisdom let us grow,  
As years and strength are given,  
That we may serve thy church below,  
And join thy saints in heaven.*