

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

traditional tune -- words: Nahum Tate

While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, All seat - ed on the ground,
"To you, in Da - vid's town this day, Is born in Da - vid's line,
Thus spoke the ser - aph; and forth - with Ap - pear'd a shin - ing throng

The an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - round.
A Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord, And this shall be the sign;
Of an - gels prais - ing God who thus Ad - dress'd their joy - ful song:

"Fear not," said he, (for you might - ty dread Had seized their troub - led mind);
The heav'n - ly babe you there shall find To hu - man view dis - played
"All glo - ry be to God on high, And to the earth be peace;

"Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring To you and all man - kind,
All mean - ly wrapped in swad - dling bands, And in a man - ger laid."
Good - will hence - forth from heav'n to men, Be - gin and ne - ver cease.