

# WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS

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1. While shep - herds watch'd their flocks by night, All seat - ed on the ground,  
2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread Had seized their troub - led mind;  
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day, Is born of Da - vid's line,  
4. "The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find To hu - man view dis - play'd,  
5. Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with Ap - peared a shin - ing throng  
6. "All glo - ry be to God on high And to the earth be peace;

The an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - round,  
"Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring To you and all man - kind,  
A Sav - ior, Who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be the sign,  
All mean - ly wrapp'd in swad - dling clothes, And in a man - ger laid,  
Of an - gels prais - ing God, Who thus Ad - dressed their joy - ful song,  
Good - will hence - forth from heav'n to men, Be - gin and nev - er cease,