

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS

Words: Nahum Tate (1625-1715), 1700, Published 1702.

Music: George F. Handel (1685-1759), 1728

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Verse 1: While shep-herds watched their flocks by night,

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All seat-ed on the ground, the an-gel of the Lord came down,

A G A D A D

And glo-ry shone a-round, and glo-ry shone a-round.

Verse 2: "Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread

Had seized their troubled mind. "Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind To you and all mankind.

Verse 3: "To you, in David's town, this day

Is born of David's line A Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
And this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign.

Verse 4: "The heavenly Babe you there shall find

To human view displayed, All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid, And in a manger laid."

Verse 5: Thus spake the seraph and forthwith

Appeared a shining throng Of angels praising God on high,
Who thus addressed their song, Who thus addressed their song:

Verse 6: "All glory be to God on high,

And to the Earth be peace; Good will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease, Begin and never cease!"