

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

There were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. Lk. 2:8-9

1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, All seat-ed on the ground,
2. "Fear not!" said he, for might-y dread Had seized their trou-bled 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-played,
5. Thus spake the ser-aph and forth-with Ap-peared a shin-ing throug
6. "All glo-ry be to God on high, And to the Earth be peace;

The an-gel of the Lord came down,
"Glad tid-ings of great joy I bring
A Sav-ior, who is Christ the Lord,
All mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands,
Of an-gels prais-ing God on high,
Good will hence-forth from heav'n to men

And glo-ry shone a-round, And glo-ry shone a-round.
To you and all man-kind, To you and all man-kind.
And this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign:
And in a man-ger laid, And in a man-ger laid."
Who thus ad-dressed their song, Who thus ad-dressed their song:
Be-gin and nev-er cease, Be-gin and nev-er cease!"

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