

# WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT



While shepherds watched their flocks by  
night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.

'Fear not,' he said, for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled minds.  
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.

'To you in David's town, this day  
Is born of David's line  
The Saviour who is Christ the Lord,  
And this shall be the sign.

'The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,  
And in a manger laid.'

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, who thus  
Addressed their joyful song.

'All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease!'

