

# While Shepherds Watched

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!" said he, for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind;  
"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  
A Savior, who is Christ the Lord,  
And this shall be the sign:

"The heav'nly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God on high,  
Who thus addressed their song:

"All glory be to God on high,  
And to the Earth be peace;  
Good will henceforth from heav'n to men  
Begin and never cease!"