

# While shepherds watched

(Nahum Tate; Traditional)

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shown around.  
'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind[s]);  
'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 heavenly babe there you shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid.'

{ Refrain }

All glory be to God most high;  
All glory be to God [and]  
Good-will on earth from heaven to men  
Begin and never end.

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;  
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men  
    Begin and never cease.’

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