While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

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While shepherds watched their flocks by night
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All seated on the ground,
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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,

The 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 spoke 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 on the earth be peace,

Goodwill henceforth from heav’n to men

Begin and never cease.”