WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS
(1700)

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Music: Yorkshire carol, ca 1800
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1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
   All seated on the ground,
   The angel of the Lord came down,
   And glory shone around.

2. "To you in David's town this day,
   Is born of David's line,
   The Savior who is Christ the Lord,
   Of angels praising God who thus Ad-dressed their joyful song:

3. Thus spake the seraph, and forth-with appeared a shining throng
   "Fear not," said he, for mightily dread
   Had seized their troubled mind;
   "All glory be to God on high
   And on the earth be peace.

4. "Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind." 
   All meanly wrapped in swath-ing bands, And in a manager laid.
   "Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind." 
   Good will henceforth from heav'n to men Begin and never cease.

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