

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS

(1700)

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Music: Yorkshire carol, ca 1800

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1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, All seat - ed on the ground,
2. "To you in Da - vid's town this day, Is born of Da - vid's line
3. Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with Ap - peared a shin - ing throng

4. The an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - round.
5. The Sav - ior who is Christ the Lord, And this shall be the sign:
6. Of an - gels prais - ing God who thus Ad - dressed their joy - ful song:

7. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread Had seized their trou - bled mind;
8. The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find To hu - man view dis - played,
9. "All glo - ry be to God on high And on the earth be peace.

10. "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring To you and all man - kind."
11. All mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, And in a man - ger laid."
12. Good - will hence - forth from heav'n to men Be - gin and nev - er cease."

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