

# While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

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tune: *Winchester Old*, 16th cent.

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, All  
 2. "Fear not!" said he, for migh - ty dread Had  
 3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day Is  
 4. "The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find To  
 5. Thus spake the ser - aph and forth - with Ap -  
 6. "All glo - ry be to God on high, And

sea - ted on the ground, The an - gel of the  
 seized their trou - led mind. "Glad ti - dings of great  
 born of Da - vid's line A Sa - vior, who is  
 hu - man view dis - played, All mean - ly wrapped in  
 peared a shin - ing thron'g Of an - gels prai - sing  
 to the Earth be peace; Good will hence - forth from

Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - round.  
 joy I bring To you and all man - kind.  
 Christ the Lord, And this shall be the sign.  
 swath - ing bands, And in a man - ger laid."  
 God on high, Who thus ad - dressed their song:  
 heav'n to men Be - gin and nev - er cease!"