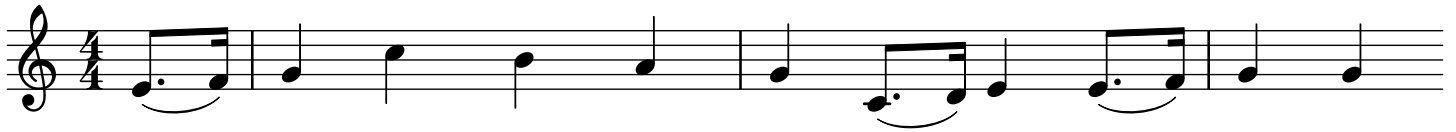


While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

Tate / CHRISTMAS



1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed
2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their
3. "To you in Da - vid's town this day is born of
4. "The heav'n - ly child you there shall find to hu - man
5. Thus spoke the ser - aph; and forth-with ap - peared a
6. "All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the



1. on the ground, the an - gel of the Lord came down, and
2. trou - bled mind; "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to
3. Da - vid's line a Sav - iour, who is Christ the Lord, and
4. view dis - played, all mean - ly wrapped in swad - dling bands and
5. shin - ing throng of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad -
6. earth be peace; good-will hence-forth from heav'n to all be -



1. glo - ry shone a - round; and glo - ry shone a - round.
2. you and all man - kind; to you and all man - kind."
3. this shall be the sign; and this shall be the sign:"
4. in a man - ger laid; and in a man - ger laid."
5. dressed their joy - ful song; ad - dressed their joy - ful song:
6. gin and nev - er cease; be - gin and nev - er cease!"

Inspiration: Luke 2: 8-14.

Lyrics: 86.86; Nahum Tate, 1659 - ca. 1726, in a supplement to Tate and Nicholas Brady's "New Version of the Psalms", 1700.
Music: CHRISTMAS; fr. "Siroë", 1728, by George F. Handel, 1685-1759; adapt. in "Harmonia Sacra", 1812.