

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

Tate / WINCHESTER OLD



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



1. the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
2. "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind."
3. a Sav - iour, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:"
4. all mean - ly wrapped in swad - dling bands and in a man - ger laid."
5. of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:
6. good - will hence - forth from heav'n to all 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: WINCHESTER OLD; fr. "Acts of the Apostles", 1553, by Christopher Tye, c. 1500 - c. 1572; adapt. in Thomas Este's "The Whole Booke of Psalmes", 1592.