

# While Shepherds Watched

Traditional Yorkshire melody

♩ = 120

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, flocks by night, All seat - ed on the ground,

The an - gel of the Lord came down, The an - gel of the Lord came down, And  
The an - gel of the Lord came down, The an - gel of the Lord came

glo - ry shone a - round, And glo - ry shone a - round, And glo - ry shone a - round.  
down, And glo - ry shone a - round, And glo - ry shone, And glo - ry shone a - round.

2. "Fear not," said he (for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled minds);  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.

3. "To you in David's town this day  
Is born of David's line  
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,  
And this shall be the sign:

4. "The heav'nly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid."

5. Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, who thus  
Addressed their joyful song:

6. All glory be to God on high,  
And to the Earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth from Heav'n to men  
Begin and never cease."