

# An Hymn for Christmas

## or Charlston C M hymn 26

(While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night)

Nahum Tate (1652–1715)

*A Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms*

by Dr Brady and Mr Tate, London 1700

William Billings (1746–1800)

*The New England Psalm-Singer*

or *American Chorister*, Boston 1770

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»Fear not«, said he, (for might - y Dread Had seiz'd their troub-led Mind)  
The heav'n-ly Babe you there shall find To hu - man View dis-play'd.  
»All glo - ry be to God on high, And to the earth be Peace;

»Glad Tid - ings of great Joy I bring To you and all man - kind.« kind.«  
All mean - ly wrapt in swaddling Bands, And in a Man-ger laid.« laid.«  
Good Will, henceforth, from Heaven to Men Be-gin and nev - er cease.« cease.«