

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

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CRANBROOK

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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

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

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

glo - ry shone a - round. round, and glo - ry shone a - round.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, (x2)
And glory shone around. (x3)

“Fear not,” said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds);
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring (x2)
To you and all mankind. (x3)

“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:

The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands
And in a manger laid.”

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

“All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from Heav’n to men
Begin and never cease.”

Optional v.5 underlay (in all voices as appropriate)

Of an - gels prais - ing God, Of an - gels prais - ing

God, Who thus ad-dressed their song, ad-dressed their joy-ful song, etc.