

While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night

Nahum Tate (1652-1715)

Traditional Hampshire Carol

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1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, All seat-ed on the ground, The
2. "Fear not," said he, for migh-ty dread Had seized their troub-led mind. "Glad

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1. an-gel of the Lord came down, And glo-ry shone a-round, And glo-ry
2. ti-dings of great joy I bring To you and all man-kind, To you and

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1. shone a-round, And glo-ry, glo-ry shone a-
2. all man-kind, To you, to you and all man-

1. And glo-ry, glo-ry
2. To you, to you, to

1. glo - ry shone a - round; The an - gel of the Lord came down And glo - ry shone a -
2. you and all man - kind; Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring To you and all man -

1. round, And glo - ry shone a - round.
2. kind, To you and all man - kind.

3. "To you, in David's town, this day
Is born of David's line
A Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
And this shall be the sign:
4. "The heavenly Babe ye 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 heaven to men
Begin and never cease!"