

CHORUS rall. *D.S.*

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WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS

The tune first appeared in Este's "Psalter", 1592. The words by Nahum Tate appeared in a supplement to a book of Psalms in 1700.

The following harmonization by Thomas Ravenscroft has the melody in the Tenor:

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| <p>1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The Angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.</p> <p>2 "Fear not," said he; for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind;
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.</p> <p>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:</p> | <p>4 "The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."</p> <p>5 Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of Angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:</p> <p>6 "All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heav'n to men
Begin and never cease."</p> |
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