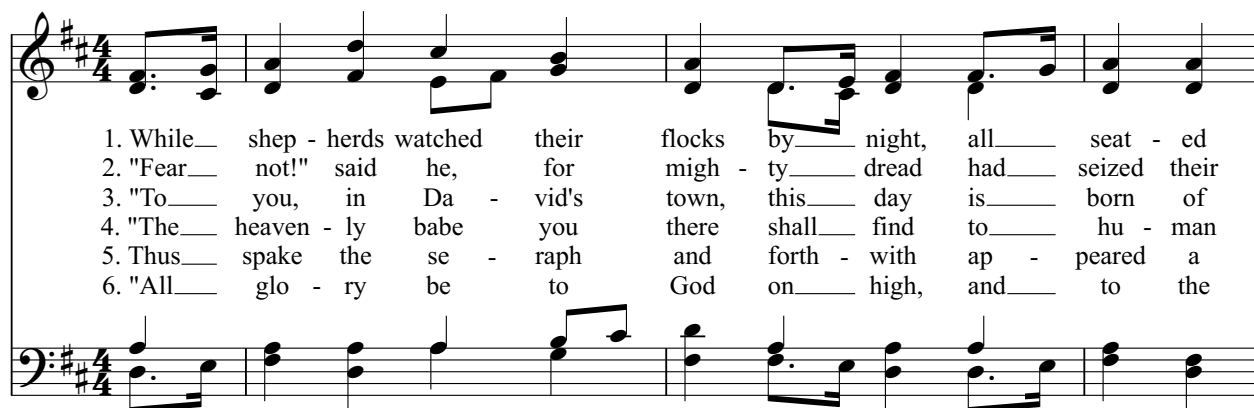


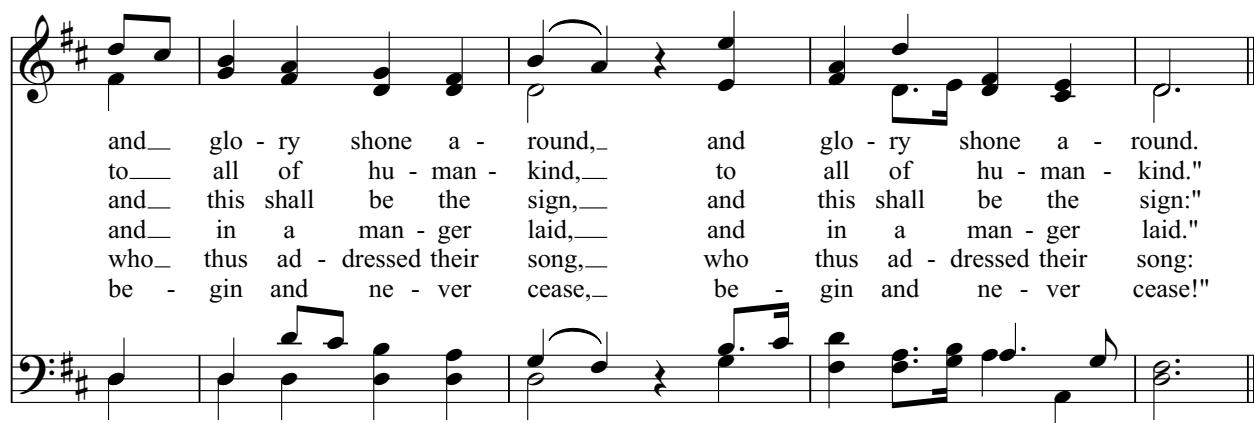
# While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks



1. While\_\_ shep - herds watched their flocks by\_\_ night, all\_\_ seat - ed  
 2. "Fear\_\_ not!" said he, for migh - ty\_\_ dread had\_\_ seized their  
 3. "To\_\_ you, in Da - vid's town, this\_\_ day is\_\_ born of  
 4. "The\_\_ heaven - ly babe you there shall\_\_ find to\_\_ hu - man  
 5. Thus\_\_ spake the se - raph and forth - with ap - peared a  
 6. "All\_\_ glo - ry be to God on\_\_ high, and\_\_ to the



on the\_\_ ground; the\_\_ an - gel of the Lord came\_\_ down,  
 trou - bled\_\_ mind.\_\_ "Glad\_\_ ti - dings of great joy I\_\_ bring  
 Da - vid's\_\_ line\_\_ a\_\_ Sa - vior, who is Christ the\_\_ Lord,  
 view dis - played,\_\_ all\_\_ mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing\_\_ bands,  
 shin - ing\_\_ throug\_\_ of\_\_ an - gels prais - ing God on\_\_ high,  
 earth be\_\_ peace;\_\_ good\_\_ will hence - forth from heaven to\_\_ earth



and\_\_ glo - ry shone a - round,\_\_ and glo - ry shone a - round.  
 to\_\_ all of hu - man - kind,\_\_ to all of hu - man - kind."  
 and\_\_ this shall be the sign,\_\_ and this shall be the sign:"  
 and\_\_ in a man - ger laid,\_\_ and in a man - ger laid."  
 who\_\_ thus ad - dressed their song,\_\_ who thus ad - dressed their song:  
 be - gin and ne - ver cease,\_\_ be - gin and ne - ver cease!"

Text: Nahum Tate, 1700  
 Tune: *Harmonia Sacra*, 1812;  
 arr. from G. F. Handel, 1728



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