While Shepherds Watched Their Flock

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
   the angel of the Lord came down, troubling my mind; "Glad tidings of great joy I bring
   David's line, a Savior who is Christ the Lord;

2 "Fear not!" said he, for mghty dread had seized their view displayed, all simply wrapped in swaddling bands,
   shining throng of angels praising God, who thus earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to all

3 "To you, in David's town, this day is born of heaven you there shall find to human
   angels acting God, who thus

4 "The heavenly babe you shall find human
   angels acting God, who thus

5 Thus spoke the se raph, and forth with appeared a
   angels acting God, who thus

6 "All glory be to God on high, and to the
   angels acting God, who thus

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