

While Shepherds Watched

Moderato (♩ = c. 108)

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Soprano
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Tenor
Bass

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated

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on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down, the angel of the

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came down, Lord came down, And glory shone around. round. The

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."

3. "To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:"

4. "The heav'nly Babe you 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;
Good will henceforth from heav'n to men
Begin and never cease."