



While shepherds watched their flocks

**1: While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.**

**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
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:**

**4: "The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all simply wrapped in swaddling clothes
and in a manger laid."**

**5: Thus spoke the angel. Suddenly
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;
to those on whom his favor rests
goodwill shall never cease."**