

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

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Music: George Frideric Handel

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in D major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system begins with a piano (*mp*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "While— shep - herds watched their flocks by— night, All— seat - ed on the—". The second system continues the lyrics: "ground, — The — an - gel of the Lord came — down, And —". The third system concludes with: "glo - ry shone a - round, — And glo - ry shone a - round." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and fingerings (e.g., 2, 1, 2, 5, 3, 1, 2, 1, 2, 5, 4, 5, 2, 1, 2). Chord symbols (D, A7, G, Em) are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic structure.

2. "Fear not" said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds;
"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 Saviour, 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. "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!"

