

WHILE shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The 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 Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:
- 4 'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swaddling 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 on the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from Heaven to men
Begin and never cease.'