



While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

"There were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night." | Luke 2:8

Lyrics by Nahum Tale

♩ = 78

Tune by George Frederick Handel, arr. Jody Killingsworth

VERSE 1

D G
While Shepherds watched
D/F# D
Their flocks by night,
D/F# G D/A A
All seated on the ground,
A A/C# A Dsus D
The Angel of the Lord came down,
D/F# G D/F# Em D/F# G D/F#
And glo-ry shone a-round,
Em/G D/A A D
And glory shone around.

VERSE 2

D G D/F# D
"Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread
D/F# G D/A A
Had seized their troubled mind.
A A/C# A Bm
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
D/A G D/F# Em D/F# G D/F#
To you and all man-kind
Em/G D/A A Dsus D
To you and all man-kind.

VERSE 3

D G D/F# D
"To you, in David's town, this day
D/F# G D/A A
Is born of David's line
A A/C# A Dsus D
A Savior, Who is Christ the Lord,
D/F# G D/F# Em D/F# G D/F#
And this shall be the sign,
Em/G D/A A (D)
And this shall be the sign:

INTERLUDE

D - - G | D/A - A⁷ - | Dsus - D

VERSE 4

D G D/F# D
"The heavenly Babe you there shall find
D/F# G D/A A
To human view displayed,
A A/C# A Bm
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
D/A G D/F# Em D/F# G D/F#
And in a man-ger laid,
Em/G D/A A Dsus D
And in a manger laid."

INTERLUDE

G/D - - - | A/D - - - | G/D - - - | A/D - - - (2x)

VERSE 5

D G D/F# D
Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
D/F# G D/A A
Appeared a shining throng
A A/C# A Dsus D
Of angels praising God on high,
D/F# G D/F# Em D/F# G D/F#
Who thus addressed their song,
Em/G D/A A (G)
Who thus addressed their song:

INTERLUDE

G - - - | A - - - | G - - - | A - - (2x)

VERSE 6

D G D/F# D
"All glory be to God on high,
D/F# G D/A A
And to the earth be peace;
A A/C# A Dsus D
Good will henceforth from heaven to men
D/F# G D/F# Em D/F# G D/F#
Be-gin and ne-ver cease,
Em/G D/A A (G)
Be—gin and never cease!"

OUTRO

G | D/F# | G | D/F# | G | D/F# | Em⁷ | Asus - A⁷-
G | D/F# | G | D/F# | G | D/F# | Em⁷ | Asus - A⁷- | D

