



While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

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

Lyrics by Nahum Tate

Tune by George Frederick Handel, arr. Jody Killingsworth

♩ = 78

VERSE 1

D G D/F# D D/F# G D/A A

1. While Shep-herds watched their flocks by__ night, All__ seat - ed on the__ ground, The__

A A/C# A Dsus D D/F# G D/F# Em D/F# G D/F# Em/G D/A A D

An - gel of the Lord came_down, And glo - ry shone a - round, And glo - ry shone a - round.

VERSE 2

D G D/F# D D/F# G D/A A

"Fear__ not!" said he, for might - y__ dread Had__ seized their trou - bled__ mind__ "Glad__

A A/C# A Bm D/A G D/F# Em D/F# G D/F# Em/G D/A A Dsus D

ti - dings of great joy I__bring To__ you and all man - kind__ To you and all man__ kind.

VERSE 3

D G D/F# D D/F# G D/A A

"To__ you, in Da - vid's town, this__ day Is__ born of Da - vid's__ line__ A__

A A/C# A Dsus D D/F# G D/F# Em D/F# G D/F# Em/G

Sav - ior, Who is Christ the__ Lord, And__ this shall be the sign,__ And

D/A A D G D/A A7 Dsus D

this shall be the__ sign:



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VERSE 4

D G D/F# D D/F# G D/A A

“The heav’n - ly Babe you there shall find To hu - man view dis - played, All

A A/C# A Bm D/A G D/F# Em D/F# G D/F# Em/G D/A A Dsus D

mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, And in a man - ger laid, And in a man - ger laid.”

INTERLUDE

G/D A/D G/D 1. A/D 2. A/D

VERSE 5

D G D/F# D D/F# G D/A A

Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth - with Ap - peared a shin - ing throng Of

A A/C# A Dsus D D/F# G D/F# Em D/F# G D/F# Em/G D/A A

an - gels prais - ing God on high, Who thus ad - dressed their song, Who thus ad - dressed their

INTERLUDE

G A G 1. A 2. A

song:

VERSE 6

D G D/F# D D/F# G D/A A

“All glo - ry be to God on high, And to the earth be peace; Good

A A/C# A Dsus D D/F# G D/F# Em D/F# G D/F# Em/G D/A A

will hence - forth from heav’n to men Be - gin and nev - er cease, Be - gin and nev - er

OUTRO

G D/F# Em7 Asus A7 D

cease!”