

# While Shepherds Watched (Lyngham)

Sung at Aldington, Bethersden and Smarden

The musical score is presented in four systems, each with a 'Harmony' staff and a 'Melody' staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the melody staff. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, the second system the second line, the third system the third line, and the fourth system the fourth line. The melody staff includes a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 4/4 time signature. The harmony staff includes a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are: 'While shep - herds watched their flocks by night All sea - ted on the ground, All sea - - - ted on the ground; The an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - round, And glo - ry shone a - round, And glo - - ry shone a - - round.'

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 heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed  
All meanly wrapped in swathing 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 to the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease