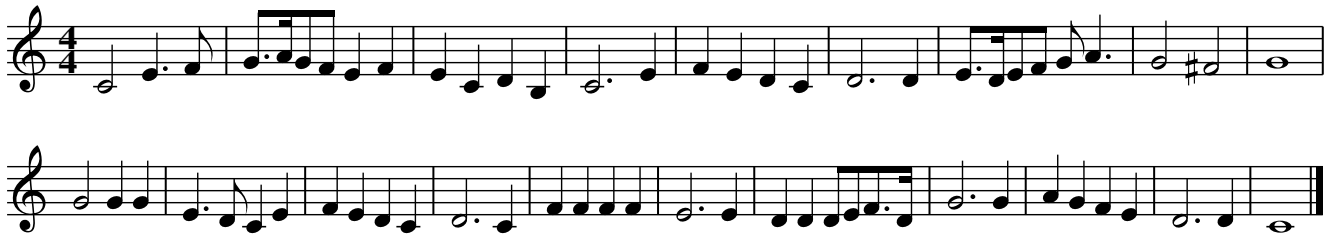


While Shepherds Watched (Lyngham)

Sung at Aldington, Bethersden and Smarden



1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
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The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around
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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