

# Pentonville

Setting by William Marsh of Canterbury\*

This simplified version for melody and single harmony arranged by Kathy Wallwork.

Harmony

Melody

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1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, All seat - ed on the ground, All  
 2. 'Fear not', said he, for might - - - ty dread Had seized their trou - bled mind, Had  
 3. 'To you in Da - vid's town this day Is born of Da - vid's line, Is  
 4. 'The heaven - ly babe you there shall find To hu - man view dis - played, To  
 5. Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth with A - ppeared a shin - ing throng, A -  
 6. 'All glo - ry be to God on high And to the earth be peace, And

seat - ed on the ground, The an - gel of the Lord came down  
 seized their trou - bled mind; 'Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring  
 born of Da - vid's line A Sav - iour, who is Christ, the Lord,  
 hu - man view dis - played in All mean - ly wrapped in swa - thing bands,  
 ppeared a shin - ing throng Of an - gels prai - sing God, who thus  
 to the earth be peace; Good - will hence - forth from heaven to men, And

And glo - ry shone a - - round, And glo - ry shone a - - round,  
 To you and all man - kind, To you and all man - kind,  
 And this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign,  
 And in a man - ger laid, And in a man - ger laid,  
 Add - ressed their joy - ful song, Add - ressed their joy - ful song,  
 Be - gin and ne - ver cease, Be - gin and ne - ver cease,

And glo - ry shone a - - round, And glo - ry shone a - - round,  
 To you and all man - kind, To you and all man - kind,  
 And this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign,  
 And in a man - ger laid, And in a man - ger laid,  
 Add - ressed their joy - ful song, Add - ressed their joy - ful song,  
 Be - gin and ne - ver cease, Be - gin and ne - ver cease,

And glo - ry shone a - - round, And glo - ry shone a - - round,  
 To you and all man - kind, To you and all man - kind,  
 And this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign,  
 And in a man - ger laid, And in a man - ger laid,  
 Add - ressed their joy - ful song, Add - ressed their joy - ful song,  
 Be - gin and ne - ver cease, Be - gin and ne - ver cease,

Lord came down and glo - ry shone a - - round, And glo - ry shone a - - round,  
 joy I bring To you and all man - kind, To you and all man - kind,  
 Christ the Lord, And this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign,  
 swa - thing bands and in a man - ger laid, And in a man - ger laid,  
 God, who thus Add - ressed their joy - ful song, Add - ressed their joy - ful song,  
 heaven to men, Be - gin and ne - ver cease, Be - gin and ne - ver cease.

And glo - ry shone a - - round,  
 To you and all man - kind,  
 And this shall be the sign,  
 And in a man - ger laid,  
 Add - ressed their joy - ful song,  
 Be - gin and ne - ver cease.

\*Canterbury bookseller William Marsh's "Pentonville" was published in "A Set of New Psalm & Hymn Tunes" in 1815 and again in an 1833 hymnal published in Sheffield. Pub-goers in the villages around Sheffield have a long-standing tradition of singing old carols and Pentonville is still widely sung each year. For information see <http://thewarblers.org.uk/Composers.htm> and "The Sheffield Book of Village Carols" Edited by Professor Ian Russell.