

While Shepherds Watched (Cranbrook)

Tune composed by Canterbury shoe-maker Thomas Clark, published in 1805, Words by N Tate (1652-1715)

Main line

Interjection

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

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 The Sav - - iour who is Christ the Lord,
 And mean - - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands,
 Of an - - gels prais - - ing God, thus,
 Good - - will hence - forth from heaven to men,

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glo - ry shone ar - ound, And glo - ry shone ar - ound, And glo - ry shone ar - ound.
 you and all man - kind, To you and all man - kind, To you and all man - kind.
 this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign.
 in a man - ger laid, And in a man - ger laid, And in a man - ger laid.
 - dressed their joy - ful song, Ad - dressed their joy - ful song, Ad - dressed their joy - ful song.
 gin and nev - er cease, Be - gin and nev - er cease, Be - gin and nev - er cease.

down,
 bring,
 Lord,
 bands,
 thus,
 men,

ar - ound, And glo - ry shone a - - round.
 man - kind, To you and all man - kind,
 the sign, And this shall be the sign.
 manger laid, And in a man - ger laid.
 joyful song, Ad - dressed their joy - ful song.
 never cease, Be - - gin and nev - er cease.

Most of the "interjections" are taken from David Peacock's arrangement.