

Eythorn

Words: Nahum Tate, 1700. Tune: Thomas Clark, Canterbury.

The original transcribed and arranged by Ian Russell, "Sheffield Book of Village Carols".

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

1. While shep - herds_ watched their flocks by _ night, All sea - - ted on the ground, The
an - - - gel of the Lord came down, The an - - gel of the
Lord came down 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,
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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 (2x)
And this shall be the sign.'

4. 'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed.
And meanly wrapped in swathing bands (2x)
And in a manger laid.'

5. Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus (2x)
Addressed their joyful song.

6. All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men (2x)
Begin and never cease.

Eythorne is a village near Dover, Kent. From the note in "The Sheffield Book of Village Carols", Edited by Ian Russell:

The carol is found in the Thorpe Hesley Hope Chapel manuscripts (c. 1856) as 'Eyethorne'.

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