

Pentonville

Setting by William Marsh of Canterbury* This simplified version for melody and single harmony arranged by Kathy Wallwork.

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks ____ by night ____ All seat - ed on the ground, All
seat - - - ed 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 ____
And glo - - - ry shone a - - - round.

2. 'Fear not,' said he, for mighty dread

Had seized their troubled minds.

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'Glad tidings of great joy I bring

To you and all mankind,

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3. 'To you in David's town this day

Is born of David's line(2x)

The Saviour who is Christ the Lord

And this shall be the sign.' (4x)

4. 'The heavenly Babe you there shall find

To human view displayed. (2x)

And meanly wrapped in swathing bands

And in a manger laid.' (4x)

5. Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith

Appeared a shining throng (2x)

Of angels praising God, who thus

Addressed their joyful song.(4x)

6. All glory be to God on high

And to the earth be peace; (2x)

Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men

Begin and never cease. (4x)

*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