

# While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks 172

*There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. Lk. 2:8*

Descant

6. "All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,  
2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;  
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line  
4. "The heav - enly babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics '6. "All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;'. Below the vocal line, four numbered verses of the hymn are listed. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the left hand.

to those on whom his fa - vor rests good - will shall nev - er cease."

an an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.  
"glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.  
a Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:  
all sim - ply wrapped in swad - dling clothes and in a man - ger laid."

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment. The vocal line includes the lyrics 'to those on whom his fa - vor rests good - will shall nev - er cease."'. Below the vocal line, four lines of the hymn's text are provided. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes.

5. Thus spoke the angel. Suddenly  
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;  
to those on whom his favor rests  
goodwill shall never cease."