

# While shepherds watched their flocks by night

Großbritannien

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Melodie: "Winchester Old" nach Christopher Tye (1525–1572)

Satz: Richard Allison (um 1560–1606)

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

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the an - gel of the Lord came down, and to ry - round.  
"glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to ti, rd - man - kind.  
the Sav - iour, who is Christ the Lord; ti, vi the sign:

4. "The heavenly Babe you there sh<sup>h</sup>" find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swat<sup>h</sup>  
and in a manger laid."

5. Thus spoke the seraph; and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels, praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song:

... to God on high,  
... earth be peace;  
... will henceforth from heaven to men  
... gin and never cease."

