

211 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Vigorously $\text{J} = 63-76$



1. While shep-herds watch'd their flocks by night, All seat-ed on the ground,
 2. "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, Is born of Da-vid's line
 3. Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with Ap-peared a shin-ing throng



The an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - round.
 The Sav - ior who is Christ the Lord, And this shall be the sign:
 Of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus Ad-dressed their joy - ful song:



"Fear not," said he, for might - y dread Had seized their trou-bled mind;
 The heav'n-ly Babe you there shall find To hu - man view dis-played,
 "All glo - ry be to God on high And on the earth be peace.



"Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring To you and all man-kind."
 All mean - ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, And in a man-ger laid."
 Good - will hence - forth from heav'n to men Be - gin and nev - er cease."



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(4 measure intro) VERSE 1

Women melody While shepherds watch'd their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,

Men melody The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

Women melody "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind;

Men melody "Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind."

(3 measure interlude)

VERSE 2

S.A.T.B. parts "To you, in David's town this day,
Is born of David's line
The Savior who is Christ the Lord,
And this shall be the sign:
The heav'ly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."

(5 measure interlude + key change)

VERSE 3

All melody Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God who thus
Addressed their joyful song:
"All glory be to God on high
And on the earth be peace.
Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men
Begin and never cease."