

While Shepherds Watched

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'While Shepherds Watched'. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'While shep-herds watched their flocks — by night all sea — ted on — the'. The second staff continues with 'ground, all sea - ted on the ground The an - gel of the Lord — came down — and'. The third staff has 'and glory shone — a — round and glo - - ry shone — a — round and'. The fourth staff concludes with 'glo — ry and glo — ry shone a - - round'. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and ties.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground (x2)
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around (x3)

'Fear not', said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds,
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.

'To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line.
A saviour who is Christ our Lord
And this shall be the sign.

'The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands
And in a manger laid.'

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 to the earth be peace.
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.'

