

While Shepherds Watched

While — shep - herds watched their flocks by night all — sea - ted on the —
 not,' said he, for migh - ty dread had — seized their trou - bled —

ground, The — an - gel of the Lord came down and — Glo - ry shone a -
 mind 'Glad — tid - ings of great joy I bring to — you and all man -

Chorus

round. 'Fear — kind. Sweet chim - ing Christ - mas — bells, sweet

chim - ing Christ - mas — bells, They — cheer us on our heav'n - ly way, sweet chim - ing

bells, They — cheer us on our heav'n - ly way, sweet chim - - ing bells.

'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.

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
 Appeared a shining throng
 Of angels praising God, who thus
 Addressed their joyful song.

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

'All glory be to God on high
 And to the earth be peace.
 Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
 Begin and never cease.'

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