

Nahum Tate

While shepherds watched their flocks

Melody: T. Este

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all
2. "Fear not," said he (for flocks might - y dread had
3. "To you in Da - vid's town this day is
4. "The heav'n - ly babe you there shall find to
5. Thus spake the ser - aph; and forth with ap -
6. "All glo - ry be to God on high, and

seat - ed on the ground, the an - gel of the
seized their trou - bled mind); "glad ti - dings of great
born of Da - vid's line a sa - viour, who is
hu - man view dis - played, all mean - ly wrapped in
-peared a shi - ning throng of an - gels prais - ing
to the earth be peace; good will hence forth from

Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
swath - ing bands, ad in a man - ger laid."
God, who thus and dressed their joy - ful song:
heav'n to men be gin and ne - ver cease."