

## 49. WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS

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SOPRANO  
ALTO

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, All  
2. 'Fear not,' said he (for might - y dread Had

TENOR  
BASS

seat - ed on the ground, The an - gel of the  
seized their troub - led mind); 'Glad ti - dings of great

Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - round.  
joy I bring To you and all man - kind.

3. 'To you in David's town this day  
Is born of David's line  
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
And this shall be the sign:

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

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

6. 'All glory be to God on high,  
And on the earth be peace;  
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease.'