

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Nahum Tate, 1652-1715

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Yorkshire carol

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

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

not," said he, for might - y dread Had seized their trou - bled mind; "Glad
 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. Good -

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