

254 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

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1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day, is born of Da - vid's line
4. "The heav - 'nly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,
5. Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with ap-peared a shin - ing throng
6. "All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;



the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
 a Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
 all mean - ly wrapped in swad-dling clothes and in a man-ger laid."
 of an - gels, prais - ing God, and thus ad-dressed their joy - ful song:
 good will hence-forth from heav'n to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

