



WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT

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While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he - for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind -
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind:

"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 a sign:

"The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands
and in a manger laid."

Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
goodwill henceforth from highest heaven
begin and never cease!"

Video: *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* in British Sign Language at christianbsl.com/carols