

# While shepherds watched their flocks by night

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New Version of Tate and Brady (1696)

Leicester, by William Knapp (c1698-1768)

Luke II vv. 8-14

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[♩=80]

Soprano

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 3. "To you in Da - vid's town this day Is born of Da - vid's line  
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Alto

Tenor [Air]

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Bass

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The an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a -  
 "Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring To you and all man  
 A Sa - viour, which is Christ the Lord; And this shall be the  
 All mean - ly wrapt in swa - thing bands, And in a man - ger  
 Of an - gels, prais - ing God, who thus Ad - dressed their joy - ful  
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Knapp's underlay has been slightly emended to avoid word-splitting.

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round, And glo - ry shone a - round,  
 kind, To - you and - all man - kind,  
 sign, And - this shall - be the - sign,  
 laid, And - in a - man - ger - laid,  
 song, Ad - dressed their joy - ful song,  
 cease, Be - gin and ne - ver cease,

A

shone a - round, And glo - ry shone a - round  
 all man - kind, To - you and - all man - kind,  
 be the - sign, And this shall be the sign,  
 man - ger laid, And in a man - ger - laid,  
 joy - ful song, Ad - dressed their joy - ful song,  
 ne - ver cease, Be - gin and ne - ver cease,

T

ry shone a - round,  
 and - all man - kind,  
 shall - be the - sign,  
 a - man - ger - laid,  
 their joy - ful song,  
 and ne - ver cease,

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 be the - sign, And this shall be the sign,  
 man - ger laid, And in a man - ger - laid,  
 joy - ful song, Ad - dressed their joy - ful song,  
 ne - ver cease, Be - gin and ne - ver cease,

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And glo - ry shone a - round, And glo - ry shone a - round.  
 To you and all man - kind, To you and all man - kind."  
 And this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign."  
 And in a man - ger laid, And in a man - ger laid."  
 Ad-dressed their joy - ful song, Ad-dressed their joy - ful song:  
 Be - gin and ne - ver cease, Be - gin and ne - ver cease."

A

And in a man - ger laid.  
 To - you and - all man - kind.  
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