

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 [Air]

1. While shep- herds watched their flocks by night, All seat - ed on the ground,
 2. "Fear not," said he, (for migh - ty 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 heaven - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,
 5. Thus spake the se - raph, and forth - with Ap - peared a shin - ing through
 6. "All glo - ry be to God on high And to the earth be peace;

Alto

Tenor

Bass

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The an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - -
 "Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring To you
 A Sa - viour, which is Christ the Lord; And this
 All mean - ly wrapt in swa - thing bands, And in
 Of an - gels, prais - ing God, who thus Ad - dressed
 Good - will hence - forth from heav'n to men Be - gin

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The an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - ry
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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
 Good - will hence - forth from heav'n to men Be - gin and ne - ver

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 A Sa - viour, which is Christ the Lord; And this shall
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 Good - will hence - forth from heav'n to men Be - gin and

Knapp's underlay has been slightly emended to avoid word-splitting.

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

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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,

B

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,

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

A

And in a man - ger laid.
To - you and - all man - kind.
And this shall be the sign."
And - in a man - ger - laid."
Ad - dressed their joy - ful song:
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."

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