## While shepherds watched their flocks by night

New Version of Tate and Brady (1696)

Luke II vv. 8-14

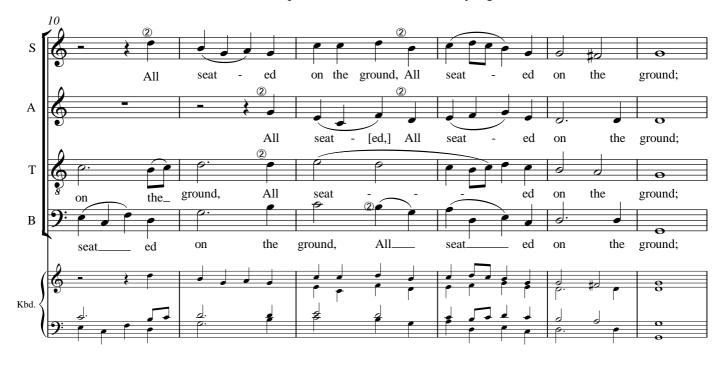
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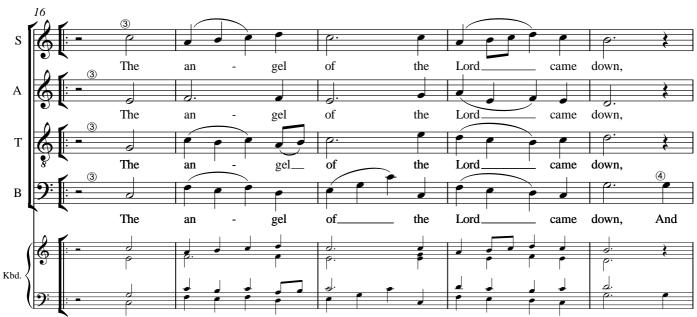


This anonymous setting was used by singing master William Shepherd in churches in the Isle of Man for both the present text and Psalm 133. It occurs in no known printed collection, and may be by Shepherd himself.

Circled numbers correspond with lines of text; |: and :| show the repeat in the music from bar 16; underlined text is to be repeated by soprano in bars 6-7 and alto in bars 11-13.

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- 4. "The heavenly babe you there shall find To <u>human</u> view displayed
  - |: All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, And in a manger laid." :|
- 5. Thus spake <u>the seraph, and forthwith</u> <u>Appeared</u> a shining throng
- |: Of angels, praising God who thus Addressed their joyful song; :|

- 2. "Fear not," <u>said he, for mighty dread</u> <u>Had seized</u> their troubled minds,
- |: "Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind." :|
- 3. "For unto you in David's town

  Is born of David's line

  A Saviour who is Christ the Lord,

  |: And this shall be the sign." :|
- 6. "All glory be to God on high And to the earth be peace,
- |: Goodwill henceforth to men on earth :| Begin and never cease."

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