

# While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

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Music: George Frideric Handel

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in D major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final line of lyrics and ends with a double bar line. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5. Dynamics include *mp* (mezzo-piano) and accents. Chords are labeled as D, A7, G, and Em.

*mp* While— shep - herds watched their flocks by— night, All— seat - ed on the—

ground, — The — an - gel of the Lord came — down, And —

glo - ry shone a - round, — And glo - ry shone a - round.

2. "Fear not" said he, for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled minds;  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.
3. "To you, in David's town, this day  
Is born of David's line  
The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord  
And this shall be the sign:
4. "The heav'nly babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid.
5. "All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace;  
Good will henceforth from heav'n to men  
Begin and never cease!"

