

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Nahum Tate, 1700

George Frederick Handel, 1728

$\text{♩} = 108$

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system contains six verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the piece with a final line of lyrics and a double bar line.

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, All seat - ed on the
2. "Fear not!" said he, for might - y dread Had seized their trou - bled
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day Is born of Da - vid's
4. "The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find To hu - man view dis -
5. Thus spake the ser - aph and forth - with Ap - peared a shin - ing
6. "All glo - ry be to God on high, And to the Earth be

ground, The an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a -
mind. "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring To you and all man -
line A Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord, And this shall be the
- played, All mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, And in a man - ger
throng Of an - gels prais - ing God on high, Who thus ad - dressed their
peace; Good will hence - forth from Heav'n to men Be - gin and ne - ver

- 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, Who thus ad - dressed their song:
cease, Be - gin and ne - ver cease!"