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1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shown around,
and glory shown around.
2. "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind,
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and humankind,
to you and humankind."
3. "To you, in David's town this day,
is born of David's line
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign,
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,
and in a manger laid."
5. The angel spoke, and suddenly
appeared a shining throng
of angels, praising God, who now
begin their joyful song,
begin their joyful song:
6. "All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heav'n to all
begin and never cease,
begin and never cease."

TEXT: Nahum Tate (1702), alt.

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