

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

New Version of Tate and Brady (1696)

Luke II vv. 8-14

"Leicester", by William Knapp (c1698-1768)

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[♩=80]

Soprano

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 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
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Alto

Tenor [Air]

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Bass

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

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S
 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,

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,

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

B
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 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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S
 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."

A
 And in a man - ger laid.
 To - you and - all man - kind.
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