

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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[Air] $\text{♩} = 80$

1. While shep- herds watched their flocks by night, All seat - ed on the ground,
 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
 4. "The heaven - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,
 5. Thus spake the se - raph, and forth - with Ap - peared a shin - ing thron
 6. "All glo - ry be to God on high And to_ the earth be peace;

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S
 The an - gel of the Lord_ came_ down, And glo -
 "Glad ti - dings of great joy_ I_ bring To you -
 A Sa - viour, which is Christ the_ Lord; And this
 All mean - ly wrapt in swa - thing_ bands, And in
 Of an - gels, prais - ing God,_ who_ thus Ad - dressed
 Good - will_ hence - forth from heav'n to_ men Be - gin

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 The an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - ry
 "Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring To you and
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 Good - will hence - forth from heav'n to men Be - gin and

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 The an - gel of the Lord_ came_ down, And glo - ry shone a -
 "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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 The an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - ry
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 A Sa - viour, which_ is Christ the_ Lord; And this_ shall
 All mean - ly wrapt_ in swa - thing bands, And in_ a
 Of an - gels, prais - ing God, who thus Ad - dressed_ their
 Good - will hence - forth_ from heav'n to men Be - gin_ and

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

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ry shone a round,
and all man kind,
shall be the sign,
a man ger laid,
their joy ful song,
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
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,

B
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,

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And in a man ger laid.
To you and all man kind.
And this shall be the sign."
And in a man ger laid."
Ad dressed their joy ful song:
Be gin and ne ver cease."

A
And in a man ger laid.
To you the sign, and all man kind.
And this shall be the sign."
And in a man ger laid."
Ad dressed their joy ful song:
Be gin and ne ver cease."

T
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."

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And in a man ger laid.
To you and all man kind.
And this shall be the sign."
And in a man ger laid."
Ad dressed their joy ful song:
Be gin and ne ver cease."