

# While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

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from George F. Handel  
arr. by Lowell Mason



1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and troubled mind; 'Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you, in David's line the Saviour who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign: in a manger laid, and in a manger laid.' dressed their joyful song, ad-dressed their joyful song: gin and ne-ver cease, be-gin and ne-ver cease!"

Violin 1

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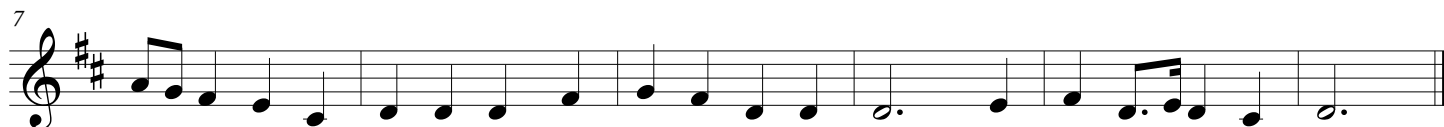


Violin 2

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Viola

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Cello

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B $\flat$  1

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B $\flat$  2

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Bass Clarinet

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Alto Sax

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Baritone Sax

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Horn in F 1

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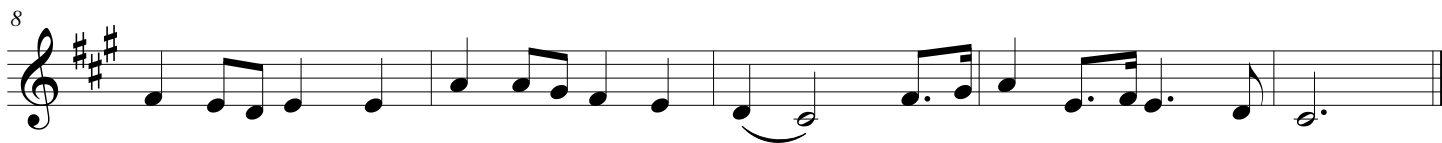


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Vocal

1 While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground, the  
2 "Fear not!" said he, for migh - ty dread had seized their trou - bled mind; "Glad  
3 "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line the  
4 "The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played, all  
5 Thus spoke the ser - aph, and forth - with ap - peared a shin - ing throng of  
6 "All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the earth be peace; good

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Cello

B $\flat$  1

B $\flat$  2

Bass Clarinet

Alto Sax

Baritone Sax

Horn in F 1

Horn in F 2

7

an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round, and glo - ry shone a - round.  
 ti - dings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind, to you and all man - kind.  
 Sav - ior who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:  
 hum - bly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid, and in a man - ger laid."  
 an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song, ad - dressed their joy - ful song:  
 will hence - forth from heav'n to all, be - gin and ne - ver cease, be - gin and ne - ver cease!"

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

B♭ 1

B♭ 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

B. Sx.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

## while Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

1 while shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around, and glory shone around.

2 "Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind;  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind, to you and all mankind.

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 humbly wrapped in swathing bands,  
and in a manger laid, and in a manger laid."

5 Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song, addressed 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!"