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Verse 1
While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

Verse 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.

Verse 3
To you, in David's town town this day
Is born of David's line,
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:

Verse 4
The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands
And in a manger laid.

Verse 5
Thus spoke the seraph; and forth-with
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, and thus
Addressed their joyful song:

Verse 6
All glory be to God on high,
And on the earth be peace;
Good will hence forth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.