

While Shepherds Watched

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D **G** **D/F#**
While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
D E A
All seated on the ground,
G D/F# Em A
The angel of the Lord came down,
G A Bm G A Bm
And glory shone around, And glory shone around.

D **G** **D/F#**
"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
D E A
had seized their troubled mind;
G D/F# Em A
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
G A Bm G A Bm
To you and all mankind, To you and all mankind."

CHORUS:

G A Bm A
Al—lelu—ia.
G A Bm A A
Al—lelu—ia.

D **G** **D/F#**
"To you in David's town this day
D E A
Is born of David's line
G D/F# Em A
A Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
G A Bm G A Bm
And this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign:"

D **G** **D/F#**
"The heavenly babe you there shall find
D E A
To human view displayed,
G D/F# Em A
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
G A Bm G A Bm
And in a manger laid, And in a manger laid."

Repeat CHORUS

D **G** **D/F#**
Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
D E A
Appeared a shining throng
G D/F# Em A
Of angels praising God, who thus
G A Bm G A Bm
Addressed their joyful song, Addressed thr joyful song:

D **G** **D/F#**
"All glory be to God on high,
D E A
And to the Earth be peace:
G D/F# Em A
Good will to men from highest heav'n
G A Bm G A Bm
Begin and never cease, Begin and never cease."
G A Bm G A Bm
Begin and never cease, Begin and never cease."

ENDING CHORUS:

G A Bm A
Al—lelu—ia.
G A Bm A
Al—lelu—ia.
G A Bm A
Al—lelu—ia.
G A Bm
Al—lelu—ia.