

# While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

## Hymn #211 Simplified

Vigorously  $\text{♩} = 63-76$

1. While shep-herds watch their flocks by night, All seat-ed on the ground,  
 2. "To you, in Da-vid's town this day, Is born of Da-vid's line  
 3. Thus spake the ser-aph, and forth-with Ap-peared a shin-ing throng

The an-gel of the Lord came down, And glo-ry shown a-round.  
 The Sav-ior who is Christ the Lord, And this shall be the sign:  
 Of An-gels prais-ing God, who thus Ad-dressed their joy-ful song:

"Fear not," said he, for might-y dread Had seized their trou-bled mind;  
 The heav'n-ly Babe you there shall find To hu-man view dis-played,  
 "All glo-ry be to God on high And on the earth be peace.

"Glad ti-dings of great joy I bring To you and all min-kind."  
 All ean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, And in a man-ger laid."  
 Good-will hence-forth from heav'n to men Be-gin and nev-er cease."

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 based on Luke 2:8-14  
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