WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT

Cranbrook

Words
Nahum Tate

Music
Thomas Clark arranged by R. Mather

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Nahum Tate, 1700
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Thomas Clark (Cranbrook - [Ilkley Moor]) arranged by R. Mather.

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1. seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came
2. seized their troubled mind. “Glad tidings of great joy I
3. born of David’s line a Saviour who is Christ the
4. human view played, All mean-ly wrapped in swathing;
5. peared a shining throng of angels prais-ing God who
6. to the earth be peace; Good will henceforth from Heav’n to

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1. down; the an - gel of the Lord came down; Lord came down
2. bring; glad ti - dings of great joy I bring; joy I bring.
3. Lord; a Sa - viour who is Christ the Lord; Christ the Lord,
4. bands; all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands; swath - ing bands.
5. thus; of an - gels prai - sing God who thus; God who thus
6. men; good - will hence - forth from Heav'n to men; Heav'n to men,
1. down and glory shone around; and
2. bring to you and all mankind; to
3. Lord; and this shall be the sign; and
4. bands and in a manger laid; and
5. thus, addressed their joyful song; ad-
6. men begin and never cease; be-

1. the angel of the Lord came down and glory shone a-
2. glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all man-
3. a Saviour who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the
4. all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger
5. of angels praising God who thus ad dressed their joyful
6. good-will henceforth from Heav’n to men be - gin and ne - ver
1. glo - ry shone a round; and glo - ry shone a - round.
2. you and all man - kind; to you and all man - kind.
3. this shall be the sign; and this shall be the sign.
4. in a man - ger laid; and in a man - ger laid.
5. dressed their joy - ful song; ad - dressed their joy - ful song:
6. gin and ne - ver cease; be - gin and ne - ver cease!”

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2. kind; to you and all man - kind; and all man - kind.
3. sign; and this shall be the sign; shall be the sign.
4. laid; and in a man - ger laid; a man - ger laid.
5. song; ad - dressed their joy - ful song; their joy - ful song.
6. cease; be - gin and ne - ver cease; and ne - ver cease!”

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and glory shone around.

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is born of David’s line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign.

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to human view displayed,
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Thus spake the seraph and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God on high,
addressed their joyful song:

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and to the Earth be peace;
good will henceforth from Heaven to men
Begin and never cease!”