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# WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT

Cranbrook

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Words  
Nahum Tate

Music  
Thomas Clark arranged by R. Mather

SATB

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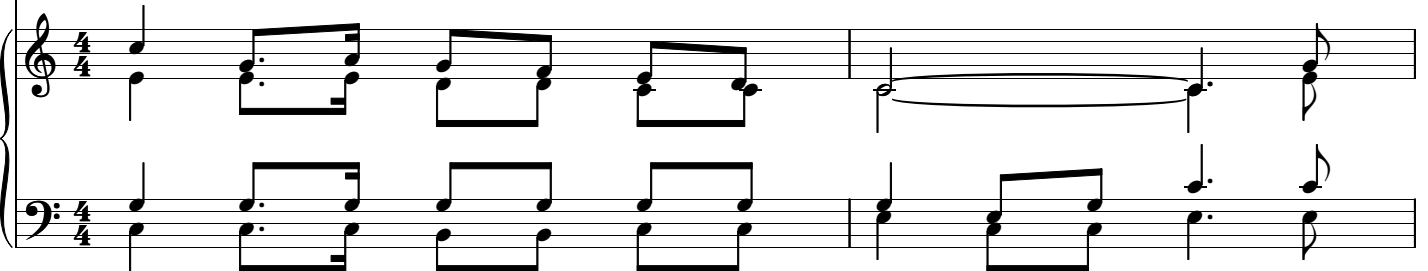
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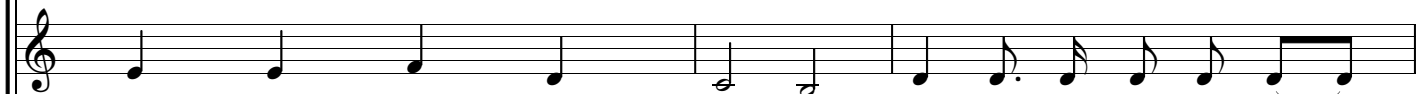


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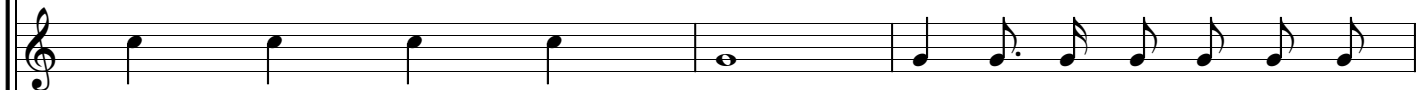




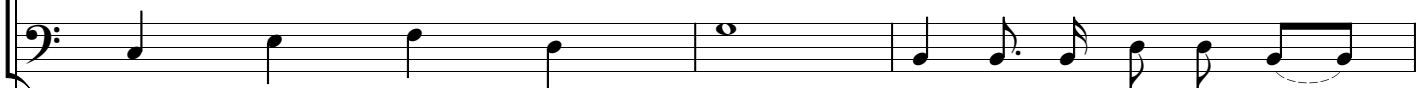
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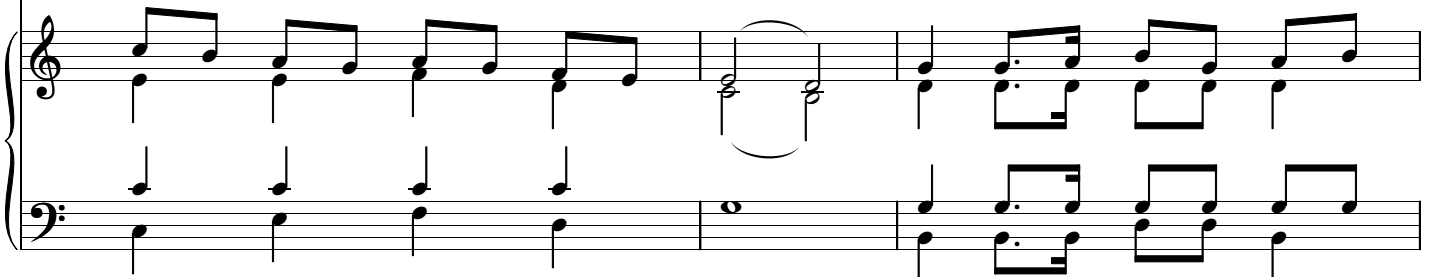
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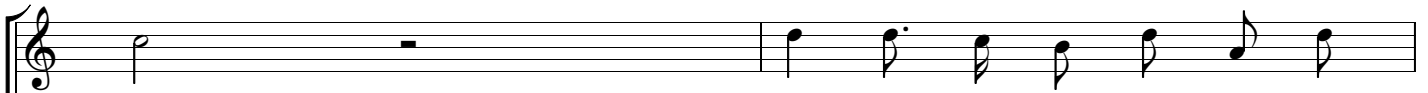


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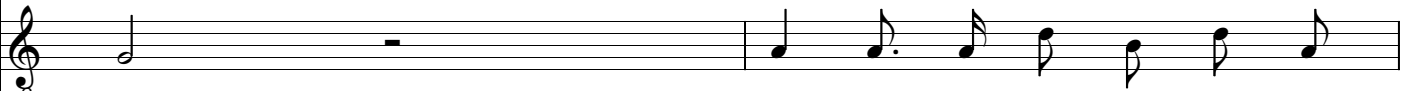




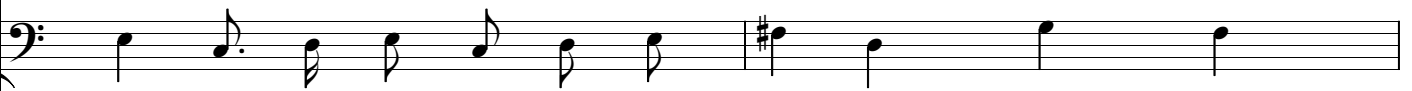
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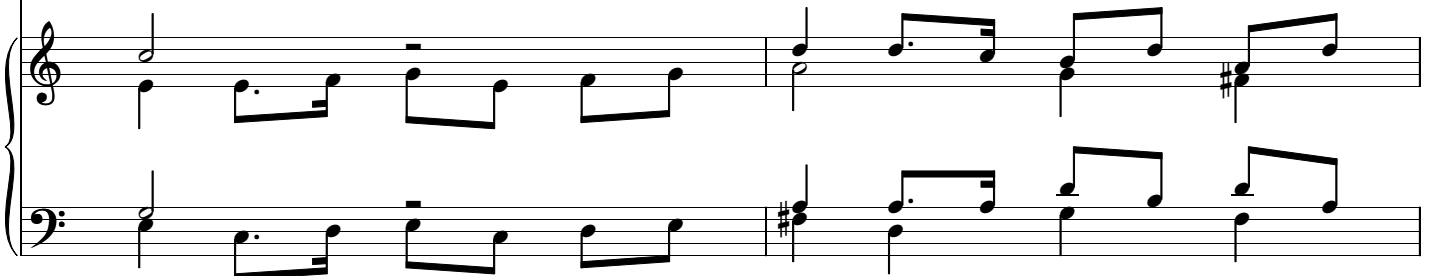
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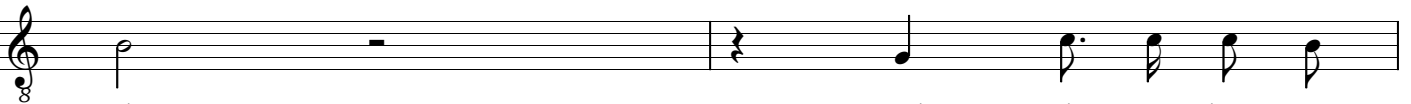




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 3. Lord; and this shall be the sign; and  
 4. bands and in a man - ger laid; and  
 5. thus, ad - dressed their joy - ful song; ad -  
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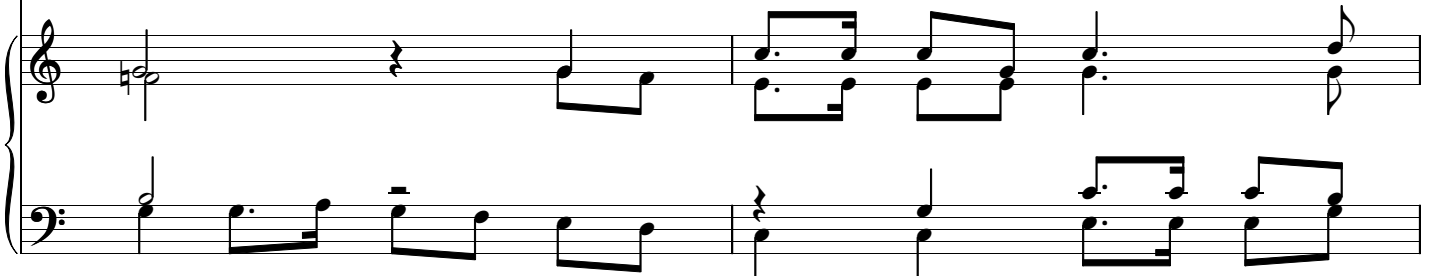
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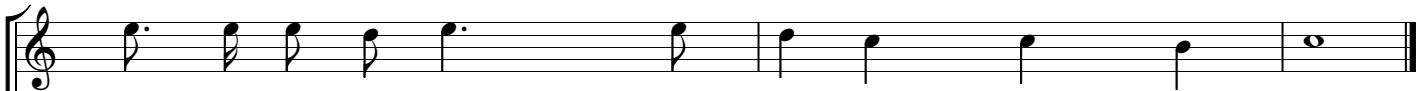


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 2. you and all man - kind; to you and all man - kind.  
 3. this shall be the sign; and this shall be the sign.  
 4. in a man - ger laid; and in a man - ger laid.  
 5. dressed their joy - ful song; ad - dressed their joy - ful song;  
 6. gin and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



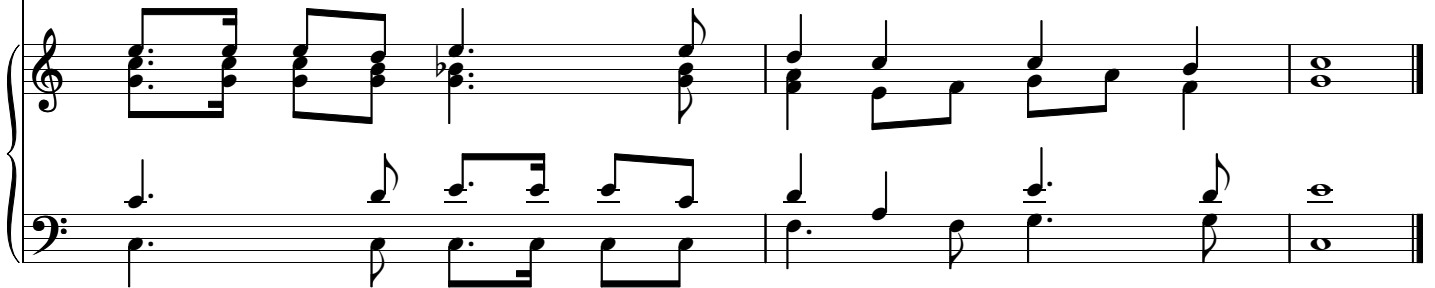
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the angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around.

“Fear not!” said he, for mighty dread  
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“Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind.

“To you, in David’s town, this day  
is born of David’s line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,  
and this shall be the sign.

“The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
and in a manger laid.”

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

“All glory be to God on high,  
and to the Earth be peace;  
good will henceforth from Heaven to men  
Begin and never cease!”