

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Nahum Tate, 1700

George Frederick Handel, 1728

$\text{♩} = 108$

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a bass line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains six lines of lyrics. The second system contains six lines of lyrics. The third system contains three lines of lyrics. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and ties. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, All seat - ed on the ground, The
2. "Fear not!" said he, for might-y dread Had seized their trou - bled mind. "Glad
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day Is born of Da - vid's line A
4. "The heav - enly Babe you there shall find To hu - man view dis - played, All
5. Thus spake the ser - aph and forth-with Ap - peared a shin - ing throng Of
6. "All glo - ry be to God on high, And to the Earth be peace; Good

an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - round, And
tid - ings of great joy I bring To you and all man - kind To
Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord, And this shall be the sign, And
mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, And in a man - ger laid, And
an - gels prais - ing God on high, Who thus ad - dressed their song, Who
will hence - forth from Heav'n to men Be - gin and ne - ver cease, Be -

glo - ry shone a - round.
you and all man - kind.
this shall be the sign.
in a man - ger laid."
thus ad - dressed their song:
- gin and ne - ver cease!"