

211 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

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1. While shep-herds watch'd 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 shone 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 tid-ings of great joy I bring To you and all man-kind."
 All mean-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."

