

49. WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS

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SOPRANO
ALTO

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, All
2. 'Fear not,' said he (for might - y dread Had

TENOR
BASS

seat - ed on the ground, The an - gel of the
seized their troub - led mind); 'Glad ti - dings of great

Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - round.
joy I bring To you and all man - kind.

3. '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:

4. 'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,

mp All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid.' *swathing*

5. Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

↓ unison
6. 'All glory be to God on high,
And on the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.'