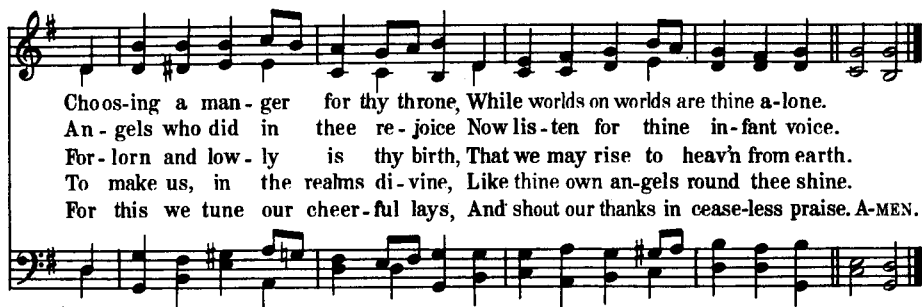


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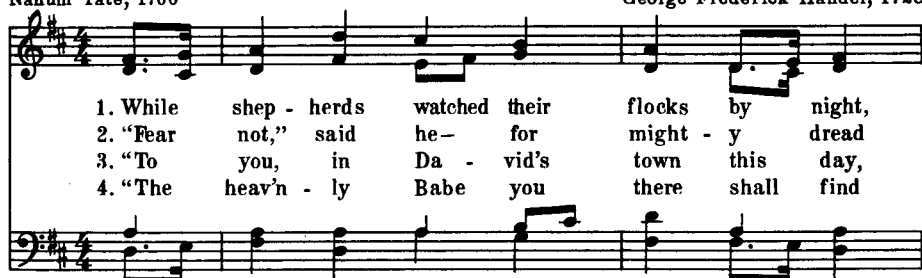
Choos-ing a man-ger for thy throne, While worlds on worlds are thine a-lone.
 An-gels who did in thee re-joice Now lis-ten for thine in-fant voice.
 For-lorn and low-ly is thy birth, That we may rise to heav'n from earth.
 To make us, in the realms di-vine, Like thine own an-gels round thee shine.
 For this we tune our cheer-ful lays, And shout our thanks in cease-less praise. A-MEN.

*And there were... shepherds abiding in the field,
 keeping watch over their flock by night. Luke 2:8*

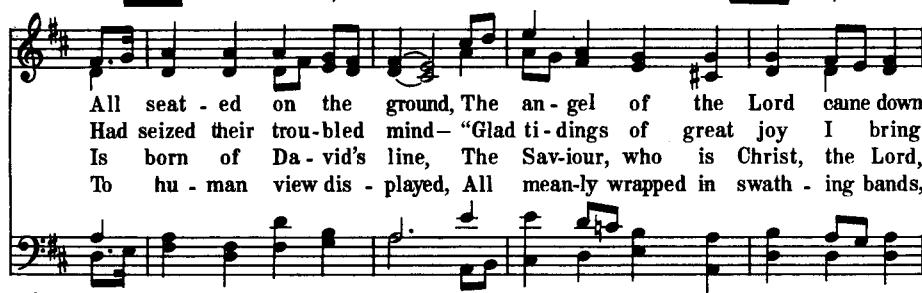
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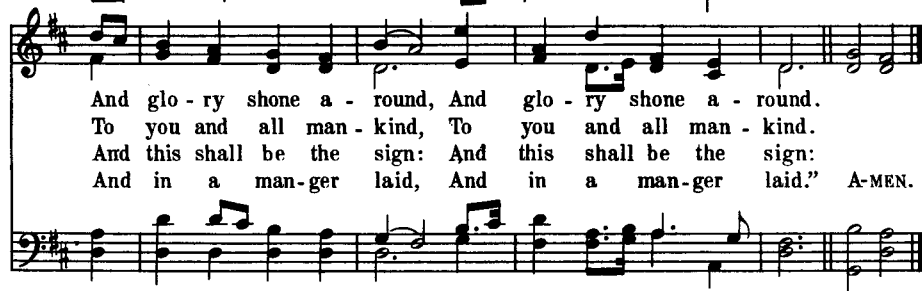
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1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night,
 2. "Fear not," said he—for might-y dread
 3. "To you, in Da-vid's town this day,
 4. "The heav'n-ly Babe you there shall find



All seat-ed on the ground, The an-gel of the Lord came down,
 Had seized their trou-bled mind—"Glad ti-dings of great joy I bring
 Is born of Da-vid's line, The Sav-iour, who is Christ, the Lord,
 To hu-man view dis-played, All mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands,



And glo-ry shone a-round, And glo-ry shone a-round.
 To you and all man-kind, To you and all man-kind.
 And this shall be the sign: And this shall be the sign:
 And in a man-ger laid, And in a man-ger laid." A-MEN.

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

6. "All glory be to God on high,
 And to the earth be peace:
 Good will henceforth, from heav'n to men,
 Begin and never cease!"