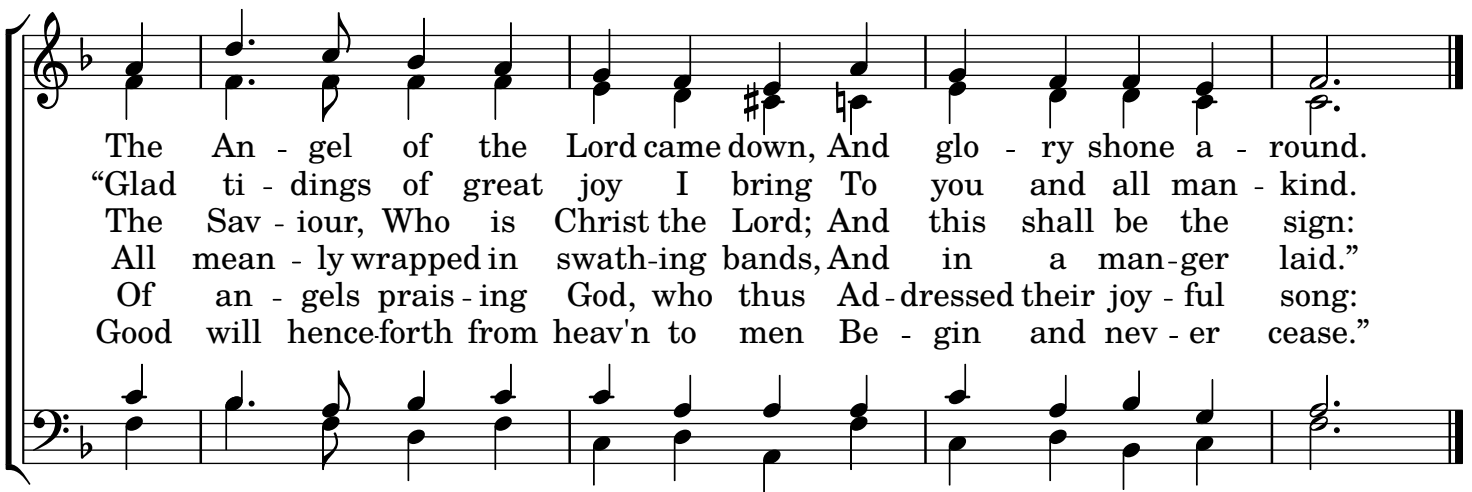


1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, All seat-ed on the ground,
 2. "Fear not," said he (for migh-ty dread Had seized their troub-led mind);
 3. "To you, in Da-vid's town, this day Is born of Da-vid's line,
 4. "The heav'n-ly Babe you there shall find To hu-man view dis-played,
 5. Thus spake the Ser-aph, and forthwith Ap-peared a shin-ing throng
 6. "All glo-ry be to God on high And on the earth be peace;



The An-gel of the Lord came down, And glo-ry shone a-round.
 "Glad ti-dings of great joy I bring To you and all man-kind.
 The Sav-iour, Who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be the sign:
 All mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, And in a man-ger laid."
 Of an-gels prais-ing God, who thus Ad-dressed their joy-ful song:
 Good will henceforth from heav'n to men Be-gin and nev-er cease."