

## 245 While shepherds watched their flocks

*Descant*

6 "All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;

Capo 3: D A Bm G D A D F#m E A

1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,  
 2 "Fear not," said he - for might - y dread had seized their trou-bled mind -  
 3 "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is born of Da-vid's line  
 4 "The heaven - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,

good - will hence - forth, from heaven to men, be - gin and nev - er cease."

D G D A Bm F# D A Bm G A D

the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.  
 "glad tid - ings 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 swad-dling bands, and in a man-ger laid."

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;  
 goodwill henceforth, from heaven to men,  
 begin and never cease."