1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, All seated on the ground,

2. "Fear not," said he (for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind,)

3. "All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace:

   The angel of the Lord came down, And glory shone around.

   "Glad tidings of great joy I bring, To you and all mankind.

   Good-will henceforth from heav'n to men Begin and never cease."