Hymn 26 6v with intro  
Lyrics Nahum Tate  
Score Winchester Old

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
 all seated on the ground,  
the Angel of the Lord came down  
and glory shone around.

“Fear not” said he, for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled minds,  
“glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind”.

“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:

“The Heavenly babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed  
all meanly wrapped in swaddling clothes  
and in a manger laid.”

Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of Angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song.

“All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace;  
goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease.”