

99. While shepherds watched their flocks

Words by
NAHUM TATE
(1652-1715)

Este's Psalter (1592)
V. 6 arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

In moderate time ($\text{♩} = 80$)

SOPRANO
ALTO

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, All
2. 'Fear not,' said he (for might - y dread Had

TENOR
BASS

seat - ed on the ground, The an - gel of the
seized their troub - led mind); 'Glad ti - dings of great

Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - round.
joy I bring To you and all man - kind.

The musical score is written for Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass voices. It features a 4/2 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked 'In moderate time' with a quarter note equal to 80 beats per minute. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains two verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the lyrics. The music consists of vocal lines with lyrics and a piano accompaniment of chords in the bass line.

3. '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:

4. 'The heav'nly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid.'

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

Also available separately (*Six Christmas Hymns* arr. David Willcocks)

DESCANT (SOPRANOS) *f*
 6. 'All glo - ry be to God on high, _____

ALL OTHER VOICES *f*
 6. 'All glo - ry be to God on high, And

ORGAN
 Gt. + Sw. *f*
 Tuba *f*
 Ped.

— And to the earth be peace; Good - will from

to the earth be peace; Good - will hence-forth from

heav'n to men Be - gin, _____ be - gin and nev - er cease.'

heav'n to men Be - gin and nev - er cease.'