1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
   All seated on the ground;
   The Angel of the Lord came down,
   And glory shone around.

2. "Fear not" said he, for mighty dread
   Had seized their troubled mind;
   "Glad tidings of great joy I bring
   To you and all mankind."

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 Heavenly Babe you there shall find
   To human view displayed,
   All meanly wrapped in swaddling 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.

6. "All glory be to God on high,
   And to the earth be peace;
   Good-will henceforth from heaven to men,
   Begin and never cease".

Reference has also been made to the Bradford Evening Institute Choral Society Book of 'Ye Old Christmas Carols', Ian Russell's handwritten manuscript notes dated 25 March 1980, and also to the Stannington and Surrounding District's 'Local Christmas Carols, with Symphonies'.