Hymn for Christmas Day

Matthew Cooke of North Mimms
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1 While shep-herds watch'd their flocks by night, All sea-ted on the ground,
2 ground, The an-gel of the Lord came down, and glo-ry
3 line, A Sav-iour which is Christ the Lord, And this shall be, this shall
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Matthew Cooke was organist at South Mimms, Bucks., and later at St George's Church, Bloomsbury.

His two publications were:
"Twelve psalm tunes... for the use of the church at North Mimms", c1790, and
"Select portions of the psalms of David", c1795.
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