

Tate & Brady

William Jackson of Exeter (1730-1803)

Treble

1 While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all
 3 *To you in Dav - id's town this day is*
 5 Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth - with ap -

Alto

Tenor

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Bass

6

Tr. sea - ted on the ground, The an - gel of the Lord came
born of Dav - id's line, A Sav-iour who is Christ the
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B.

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Tr. down, And glo - ry shone a - round. 2 Fear not, said he, for
Lord, And this shall be the sign. 4 The heav'n-ly babe you
 thus Ad - dress'd their joy - ful song. 6 All glo - ry be to

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This tune by William Jackson of Exeter first appeared in his Hymns in Three Parts, 1768, set to Ps. 119 NV. It was not favoured in any other publication until 1817, in Benjamin Jacob's National Psalmody. Then entitled Hymn for Christmas Day, it is a Double Common Metre setting of While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night. Jacob, organist at the Surry Chapel, London (1794-1825), harmonized Jackson's tune and added an organ symphony. Jacob's symphonies proved popular with country quires and bands and several examples of his work have been found in west gallery manuscript sources. In the county of Jackson's birth, 50 years after the tune's emergence, Richard Garbett, organist of St David's, Exeter, included the tune in his Sacred Harmony, on this occasion in five parts. The realisation of the Jacob's organ keyboard part is editorial.


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there shall find, To hu - man view dis - played, All mean - ly
 God on high, And to the earth be peace, Good will hence -

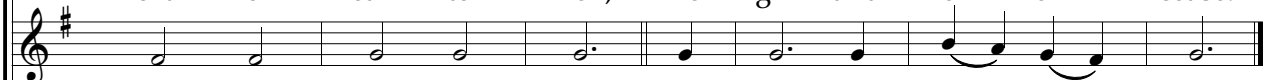
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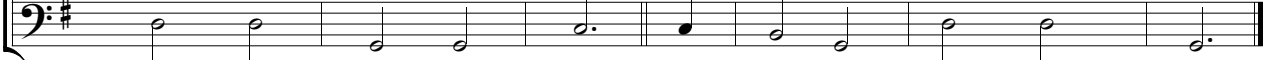
B. 

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Tr.  of great joy I bring To you, and all man - kind.
wrapped in swad-dling bands, And in a man - ger laid.
 forth from heav'n to men, Be - gin and nev - er cease.

A. 

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B. 

34 *Symphony*

Tr. 

A. 

T. 

B. 

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Tr. 

A. 

T. 

B. 