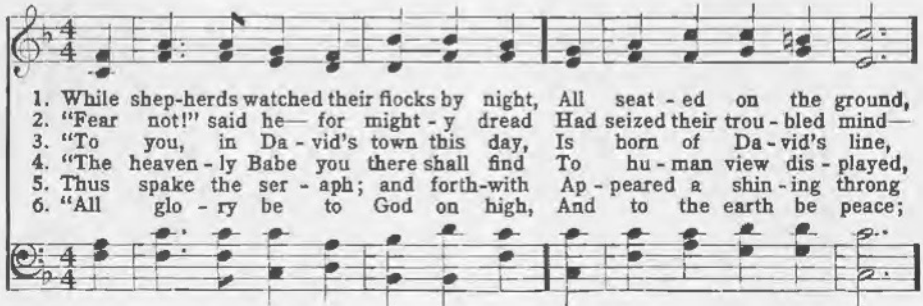


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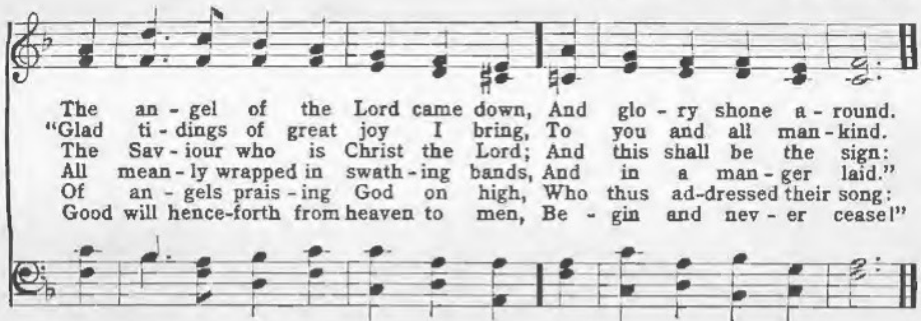
ESTE'S Psalter, 1592



1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, All seat-ed on the ground,  
 2. "Fear not!" said he—for might-y dread Had seized their trou-bled mind—  
 3. "To you, in Da-vid's town this day, Is horn of Da-vid's line,  
 4. "The heav-en-ly Babe you there shall find To hu-man view dis-played,  
 5. Thus spake the ser-aph; and forth-with Ap-peared a shin-ing throng  
 6. "All glo-ry be to God on high, And to the earth be peace;

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## HIS INCARNATION AND ADVENT



The an-gel of the Lord came down, And glo-ry shone a-round.  
 "Glad ti-dings of great joy I bring, To you and all man-kind.  
 The Sav-iour who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be the sign:  
 All mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, And in a man-ger laid."  
 Of an-gels prais-ing God on high, Who thus ad-dressed their song:  
 Good will hence-forth from heaven to men, Be-gin and nev-er cease!"