While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

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Chords: F C B♭ C7 Dm G7

VERSE 1

F C F B♭ F C7 Dm F C F B♭ C B♭
While shep-herds watch'd their flocks by night, All seat-ed on the ground, The

F C7 F B♭ F C7 Dm F C F B♭ C
an-gel of the Lord came down, And glo-ry shone a- round.

F B♭ F B♭ F C G7 C
"Fear not," said he, for might-y dread Had seized their trou-bled mind;

F B♭ C7 F C F C7 F C7 F
"Glad tid-ings of great joy I bring To you and all man-kind."

VERSE 2

F C F B♭ F C7 Dm F C F B♭ C B♭
"To you, in Da-vid's town this day, Is born of Da-vid's line The

F C7 F B♭ F C7 Dm F C F B♭ C
Sav-ior who is Christ the Lord, And this shall be the sign:

F B♭ F B♭ F C G7 C
The heav'n-ly Babe you there shall find To hu-man view dis-played,

F B♭ C7 F C F C7 F C7 F
All mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, And in a man-ger laid."

VERSE 3

F C F B♭ F C7 Dm F C F B♭ C B♭
Thus spake the ser-aph, and forth-with Ap-peared a shin-ing throng Of

F C7 F B♭ F C7 Dm F C F B♭ C
an-gels prais-ing God, who thus Ad-dressed their joy-ful song:

F B♭ F B♭ F C G7 C
"All glo-ry be to God on high And on the earth be peace.

F B♭ C7 F C F C7 F C7 F
Good-will hence-forth from heav'n to men Begin and nev-er cease."

Chords worked out from the hymnbook's four-part harmony. Chords change above the word where they change; play the same chord until the next one.