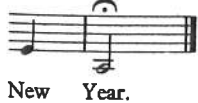
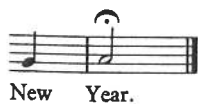
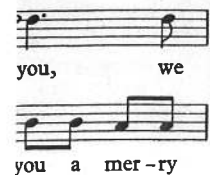


## 50. WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS

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NAHUM TATE (1652-1715)

Este's Psalter, 1592  
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS



SOPRANO

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);

ALTO

PIANO\*

(with 8ves ad lib.)

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.

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 swathing 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 on the earth be peace;  
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease.'

\*This hymn may be sung unaccompanied in A major.

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version of v.6)

Alternative version for Verse 6

6. 'All glo - ry be to God\_ on\_ high, And\_ on\_ the earth be peace;

(with 8ves ad lib.)

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