Bethlehem (D.C.M)  
Arrangement of an old tune.

This tune appears in some hymn books as “Gabriel”.

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
   All seated on the ground,             
   The angel of the Lord came down,   
   And glory shone around.  
   “Fear not!” said he; for mighty dread  
   Had seized their troubled mind:  
   “Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
   To you and all mankind.  

2 “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:  
   The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
   To human view displayed,  
   All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands  
   And in a manger laid.”  

3 Thus spake the seraph: and forthwith  
   Appeared a shining throng  
   Of angels praising God, and thus  
   Addressed their joyful song:  
   “All glory be to God on high,  
   And to the earth be peace;  
   Good will henceforth from heaven to men  
   Begin and never cease!”  
   Amen.  
   Nahum Tate, 1652 - 1715.