

OH, COME LITTLE CHILDREN

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1. O COME, LITTLE CHILDREN, O COME, ONE AND ALL.
TO BETHLEHEM HASTE, TO THE MANGER SO SMALL.
GOD'S SON FOR A GIFT HAS BEEN SENT YOU THIS NIGHT.
TO BE YOUR REDEEMER, YOUR JOY AND DELIGHT.

2. THE HAY IS HIS PILLOW, THE MANGER HIS BED
THE BEASTS STAND IN WONDER TO GAZE ON HIS HEAD
YET THERE WHERE HE LIETH, SO WEAK AND SO POOR
COME SHEPHERDS AND WISE MEN TO KNEEL AT HIS DOOR.

3. HE'S BORN IN A STABLE FOR YOU AND FOR ME,
DRAW NEAR BY THE BRIGHT GLEAMING STARLIGHT TO SEE,
IN SWADDLING CLOTHES LYING SO MEEK AND SO MILD,
AND PURER THAN ANGELS THE HEAVENLY CHILD.

4. SEE MARY AND JOSEPH WITH LOVE BEAMING EYES
ARE GAZING UPON THE RUDE BED WHERE HE LIES,
THE SHEPHERDS ARE KNEELING, WITH HEARTS FULL OF LOVE,
WHILE ANGELS SING LOUD HALLELUJAHS ABOVE.

5. KNEEL DOWN AND ADORE HIM WITH SHEPHERDS TODAY,
LIFT UP LITTLE HANDS NOW AND PRAISE HIM AS THEY;
REJOICE THAT A SAVIOR FROM SIN YOU CAN BOAST,
AND JOIN IN THE SONG OF THE HEAVENLY HOST.

