

## NATIVITY

When Christ was born in Bethlehem,  
There was no cry of war,  
But men remembered prophecies  
And saw a strange new star.  
So luminous within the sky;  
They questioned not the reason why.

No sound of soldiers on the march,  
Yet keepers of the sheep  
Heard angel voices overhead  
The roused them from their sleep.  
“Peace on earth, good will to men,”  
The sang it o’er and o’er again.

No flag of triumph was unfurled,  
No gate was set ajar;  
Yet in a manger burned a lamp  
And in the sky a star.  
A star whose brilliancy and light,  
For aye created — holy night!

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