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In Bethlehem city

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Harmony from
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1. In Bethlehem city, on Christmas-day morn
 Lord in a bare cavern thou wouldst be born;
 And thou, who for throne has the heaven on high,
 Wast fain in a shippon* 'mid oxen to lie.

2. And thou, whom Angelical troops ay surround,
 By certain poor herdsmen didst deign to be found.
 And this, of thy goodness, to rescue our race:
 So sing we, "All glory, and thanks for thy grace."

3. And at the same season, behold from afar
 There fared unto Bethlehem, led by a star,
 Three princes of Saba, who knew by that sign
 That born upon earth was a Monarch divine.

4. Choice treasure they bare thee, myrrh, incense and gold;
 And though thou wert cradled 'mid beasts of the fold,
 They knelt, for they saw, when they rend'ed thee praise,
 The Son of the Father, the Ancient of Days

G R W from the Greek

* **shippon** = a cattle shed
 (Old English with Germanic
 connections - scypen)

