In Bethlehem city

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In Bethlehem city, on Christmas day morn, Lord

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in a bare cavern thou wouldest be born; And

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thou who for throne has the heaven on high, wast

(thou who for throne has the heaven on high, weit)
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'red 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)