He Smiles Within His Cradle

He smiles within his cradle, A babe with face to bright it beams most like a mirror Against a blaze of light: This babe so burning bright.

This babe we now declare to you Is Jesus Christ, our Lord; He brings both peace and heartiness: Haste, haste with one accord To feast with Christ our Lord.

And who would rock the cradle Wherein this infant lies, Must rock with easy motion And watch with humble eyes, Like Mary pure and wise.

O Jesus, dearest babe of all And dearest babe of mine, Thy love is great, thy limbs are small O flood this heart of mine With overflow from thine!