

## How vain the cruel Herod's fear

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when told that Christ the King is near!  
he takes not earthly realms away,  
who gives the realms that ne'er decay.

The eastern sages saw from far  
and followed on his guiding star;  
by light their way to Light they trod,  
and by their gifts confessed their God.

Within the Jordan's sacred flood  
the heavenly Lamb in meekness stood,  
that he, to whom no sin was known,  
might cleanse his people from their own.

Oh, what a miracle divine,  
when water reddened into wine!  
He spake the word, and forth it flowed  
in streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

All glory, Jesus, be to thee  
for this thy glad epiphany:  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.