

Dost Thou in a Manger Lie

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Dost Thou in a manger lie, who hast all created,  
Stretching infant hands on high, Savior, long awaited?  
If a monarch, where Thy state? Where Thy court on Thee to wait?  
Royal purple where? Here no regal pomp we see;  
Naught but need and penury; why thus cradled here?

"Pitying love for fallen man brought Me down thus low  
For a race deep lost in sin, came I into woe  
By this lowly birth of Mine, sinner riches shall be thine,  
Matchless gifts and free; willingly this yoke I take,  
And this sacrifice I make, heaping joys for thee."

Fervent praise would I to Thee evermore be raising;  
For Thy wondrous love to me Thee be ever praising.  
Glory, glory be forever unto that most bounteous Giver,  
And that loving Lord! Better witness to Thy worth,  
Purer praise than ours on earth, angels' songs afford.