

Gentle Savior, Day and Night  
Translated by Sabine Baring-Gould, 19th Century.  
From French Flanders.

Gentle Savior, day and night,  
Ride three princes great in might,  
Over mountain, over plain,  
Thee a-seeking, Thee a-seeking,  
Over mountain, over plain,  
Thee a-seeking, gentle Child.

Gaspar, Melchior, Balthazar,  
Those three princes from afar,  
Gold and myrrh, and incense bear  
For an offering, for an offering,  
To the sweet and gentle Child,  
To the sweet and gentle Child.

Gentle Savior in the cold,  
In the dark with gifts of gold,  
Those three princes at the door  
Stand a-knocking, stand a-knocking,  
Thee to worship, gentle Child,  
Thee to worship, gentle Child.

Enter princes, from the night!  
Here, within, is warmth and light,  
Jesus smiles, His hands outspreads  
For the offerings, for the offerings,  
Praise to Him, the gentle Child,  
Praise to Him, the gentle Child.

Joseph, sweep the stable clean,  
Strew the straw, though all is mean.  
Here the temple, here the throne,  
Here the altar, here the altar,  
Of our King, this gentle Child,  
Of our King, this gentle Child.