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Consider well and bear in mind
What our God for us has done
In sending his beloved Son

For to redeem our souls from thrall
Christ is the saviour of us all

The twenty-fifth day of December
We have good cause to remember
In Bethlehem upon that morn
There was a blessed Messiah born

But mark how all things came to pass
The inn and lodging filled was
That they could find no room at all
But in a straw-filled oxen stall

Near Bethlehem some shepherds keep
Their flock and herd of feeding sheep
Tho whom God's angels did appear
Which put the shepherds in great fear

With thankful heart and joyful mind
The shepherds went this babe to find
And as the heavenly angel told
They did our Saviour Christ behold

Three eastern wise men from afar
Directed by a glorious star
Came boldly on? and made no stay
Until they came where Jesus lay

And being come unto that place
Where the blessed Messiah was
They humbly laid before his feet
Their gifts of gold and incense sweet

See how the Lord of heaven and earth
Shewd himself lowly in his birth
A sweet example of mankind
To learn to bear an humble mind

Let all your songs and praises be
Unto his heavenly majesty
And evermore amongst our myrth
Remember Christ our Saviour's birth

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