

# Hymn Lyrics

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## When came in flesh the incarnate Word

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the heedless world slept on,  
and only simple shepherds heard  
that God had sent his Son.

When comes the Savior at the last,  
from east to west shall shine  
the awful pomp, and earth aghast  
shall tremble at the sign.

Then shall the pure of heart be blest;  
as mild he comes to them,  
as when upon the virgin's breast  
he lay at Bethlehem.

As mild to meek eyed love and faith,  
only more strong to save;  
strengthened by having bowed to death,  
by having burst the grave.

Lord, who could dare see thee descend  
in state, unless he knew  
thou art the sorrowing sinner's Friend,  
the gracious and the true?

Dwell in our hearts, O Savior blest;  
so shall thine advent's dawn  
'twixt us and thee, our bosom-guest,  
be but the veil withdrawn.