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From east to west, from shore to shore, Let every heart awake and sing The holy Child whom Mary bore, The Christ, the everlasting King.

Behold, the world's Creator wears The form and fashion of a slave; Our very flesh our Maker shares, His fallen creature, man, to save.

For this how wondrously He wrought! A maiden, in her lowly place, Became, in ways beyond all thought, The chosen vessel of His grace.

She bowed her to the angel's word Declaring what the Father willed, And suddenly the promised Lord That pure and hallowed temple filled. He shrank not from the oxen's stall, He lay within the manger bed, And He whose bounty feedeth all At Mary's breast Himself was fed.

And while the angels in the sky Sang praise above the silent field, To shepherds poor the Lord Most High, The one great Shepherd, was revealed.

All glory for this blessèd morn To God the Father ever be; All praise to Thee, O virgin born, All praise, O Holy Ghost, to Thee.

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