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Give heed, my heart, lift up thine eyes! What is it in that manger lies? Who is the Child so young and fair? The blessed Christ Child lieth there.

Ah, Lord, who hast created all, How hast Thou made Thee weak and small, That Thou must choose Thy infant bed, Where ass and ox but lately fed.

Were earth a thousand times as fair, Beset with gold and jewels rare, She yet were far too poor to be A narrow cradle, Lord, for Thee. Ah, dearest Jesus, holy child, Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled Within my heart, that it may be A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

My heart for very joy doth leap, My lips no more can silence keep; I, too, must sing, with joyful tongue, That sweetest, dearest cradle song.

Glory to God in highest Heav'n, Who unto man His Son has giv'n, While angels sing, our hearts to cheer, To all the earth a glad new year!

Martin Luther

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