

The Presentation of the Lord

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Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

1. Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden
In whose gentle arms he lay.
Christian children all should be
Kind, obedient, good as he.

Text: 87 87 77; Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895, alt. Music: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876.

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Refrain:

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain:

Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837–1898. Music: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871.

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Refrain

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
When high above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

3. And lo, when they had heard it,
They all bowed down and prayed;
They traveled on together
To where the Babe was laid.

4. Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; from American Negro Songs and Spirituals, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt. Music: Spiritual.

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