

What Child Is This?

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.

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
(Refrain)

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)

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 219
Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898
Music: 16th cent. English melody
Tune: GREENSLEEVES, Meter: 87.87 with Refrain

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in
fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping
their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so
deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them
far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and
night.
(Refrain)

And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country
far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it
went.
(Refrain)

This star drew nigh to the
northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus
lay.
(Refrain)

Then entered in those Wise Men
three,
full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
gold and myrrh and frankincense.
(Refrain)

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 245
Text: Trad. English carol
Music: Trad. English carol; harm from Christmas
Carols New and Old
Tune: ---, Meter: Irr. with Refrain

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and
worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
(Refrain)

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 220
Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854
Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879
Tune: REGENT SQUARE, Meter: 87.87.87

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our trespasses as we
forgive those who trespass against
us. Lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil, For thine is the
kingdom and the power and the
glory forever. Amen

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and
mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.
(Refrain)

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshipping God on high.
(Refrain)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding,
dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
(Refrain)

Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies.
(Refrain)

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 254
Text: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891
Music: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891
Tune: KINGS OF ORIENT, Meter: 88.446 with
Refrain

Love Came Down At Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus,
but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and all men,
love for plea and gift and sign.

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 242
Text: Christina G. Rossetti, 1830-1894
Music: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by David Evans,
1927, alt.
Tune: GARTON, Meter: 67.67