

## When Christ Was Born In Bethlehem

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1. When Christ was born in Bethlehem,  
'Twas night, but seemed the noon of day:  
The star whose light Was pure and bright,  
Shone with unwav'ring rays;  
But one bright star, One glorious star  
Guided the Eastern Magi from afar.
2. Then peace was spread throughout the land;  
The lion fed beside the lamb;  
And with the kid, To pastures led,  
The spotted leopard fed  
In peace, in peace, The calf and bear,  
The wolf and lamb reposed together there.
3. As shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
An angel brighter than the sun  
Appeared in air, And gently said,  
"Fear not, be not afraid,  
Behold, behold Beneath your eyes,  
Earth has become a smiling Paradise."