

# An ode on the birth of Our Saviour

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**Brightly, but not too fast**

S. *mf*

1. In num - bers, and but these few, I sing thy birth, O  
2. In - stead of neat en - clo - sures of in - ter - wo - ven  
3. But we with silks, not crew - els, with sun - dry pre - cious  
4. The Jews they did dis - dain thee, but we will en - ter -

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T. *mf*

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o - siers, in - stead of fra - grant po - sies of daf - fo - dils and  
je - wels, and li - ly work will dress thee, and as we dis - pos -  
tain thee with glo - ries to a - wait thee up - on thy prince - ly

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 gos - pel tells, was no - thing else but here a home - ly man - ger.  
 babe, for thee of i - vor - y, and plas-tered round with am - ber.  
 year to year we'll make thee here a free-born of our ci - ty.

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