

“Scattered are Thy shepherds,
Scattered are Thy sheep,
Armies on the hillside
Ceaseless vigil keep.

“Burning is the manger,
Maddened is the beast,
Bearing arms, the Wise Man
Cometh from the East.

“See! Thy Mother Mary,
Bleeding on the ground;
And the meek St. Joseph
Dies without a sound.

“With the weeping Angels
Shuddering afar,
Tremulous and fainting,—
Pales the Bethlehem Star.