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To the north stood the gateway in Bethlehem's
town,
And the road stretching out towards Jerusalem
shown ;
And the seats where the elders assembled
would meet,
Their disputes to decide and their counsel
complete.

Through that gateway St. Joseph, God's angel
that heard,
And the Virgin embracing her Babe and her
Lord ;
By wise Providence snatched from King
Herod's rough play,
To that strange old Egyptian land once took
their way.

Through that gateway the shepherds enraptur-
ed they sped,
As the sweet-noted *Glorias* rang overhead ;