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A Child is born in Bethlehem,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Jerusalem.
Here in a manger He is laid,
By whom the heavens and earth were made.
The stalled beasts before Him fall
And humbly own Him Lord of all.
The Kings of Saba, journeying, bring
Gold, myrrh, and incense to their King.
And, entering, humble homage pay
The New-Born Prince of Peace, to-day.
Born of a Virgin Mother, He
Flesh of our flesh is pleased to be.
Sinless, and free from ev'ry stain,
He comes to set us free again.
Man among men, to men akin
In all things—saving only sin.
That, as He deigned our flesh to wear
We in His Godhead might have share.
In this Day's glad festivity
Al! praise to God the Father be;
To the Most Blessed Trinity
All thanks and honour render we.