

Asleep in a Stable

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Melody based on 19th century Austrian folk tune "As Lately We Watched"

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Asleep in a stable, our God Emmanuel—
A child born of a virgin, as prophets did foretell,
Of whom the angels sing their sweetest welcoming.
Our God now truly with us, and in our hearts shall dwell.

Asleep in a stable, so helpless, poor, and meek--
The Word of God Almighty, not strong enough to speak.
Yet shepherds bend to see the Lamb who sets us free,
Redeemer of the fallen, Protector of the weak.

Asleep in a stable, our Lord of life and light--
His sacred star is rising and burning ever-bright.
What tokens shall we bring to give our Infant King?
The greatest gift of all has been given on this night.

Asleep in a stable, the Savior of us all--
An endless, perfect love flowing from a child so small.
His humble majesty--God's holy Mystery:
A people once in darkness shall evermore recall.