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⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

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Lay helpless in a maiden's arms and pressed against her heart
While sheep and cattle raised their voice, the babe could speak no
words
The ever-flowing Spring of Joy had come to share our thirst

How low was our Redeemer brought, the Lord the worlds obeyed
Would stumble as He learned to walk upon the ground He'd made
The One the angels bowed before would kneel to wash our feet
And be at home among the poor, though He owned everything

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How low was our Redeemer brought to raise us from our shame
And now the highest praise of all belongs to Jesus' name
The Healer wounded on a tree to bear our grief and sin
The King gave up His crown so we could ever reign with Him

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