The Christmas Journey





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Let's all read this story, Give thanks and the glory, About Jesus' birth, Good news on the Earth!



Caesar Augustus sent out a decree.

The Roman world counted each
Person, you see.

Augustus the Emperor
Would issue a tax.

He wanted his money,
Yes, these are the facts.



Joseph and Mary would soon be there.

And set out for Bethlehem,

Joseph knew where.

By donkey they travelled,

By night and by day,

And God was with both each

Step of the way.



Mary would soon be having a Child,
Born into this world,
So meek and so mild.
They needed a shelter,
A room or an inn,
A stable they found,
Where His life would begin.



Time had come and Jesus was born,
Swaddling clothes is what He adorn.
Away in the manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down
His sweet head.



Shepherds were watching
Their flocks nearby.
An angel appeared
They were all terrified.
"Do not be afraid,"
The angel did say,
"A Savior is born on this very day."



Heavenly host shout praise
From the sky, "Glory to God,
Who is the most high!"
Go see the Baby, God told you about,
Share the good news,
For there is no more doubt.



The wise men had traveled by
Watching His star.
They each carried gifts
From so very far.
"We've come to worship the
King of the Jews,"
And we will go out and share
This good news.



They hurried and found the baby and gazed Their eyes upon Jesus, and all were amazed. In Mary's heart she pondered and treasured; Her love for her Savior could never be measured.



Remember that Christmas
Is not about fuss,
Jesus was born for each one of us.
When you wake up
To check under the tree,
Remember God's GIFT
Is for you and for me.

The Christmas Journey is about God's expedition to Earth as the Babe of Bethlehem. Enjoy this little booklet as it rhymes its way through the Nativity story of Jesus' birth. Amusingly illustrated and written in a poetic style, this tiny volume will give parents and kids a memorable look at what God has done for each of us on Christmas morn.

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