

## The Decree

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Then Gabriel came  
And said to Joseph alone,  
"Do not be afraid  
To make Mary your own.  
But go to your betrothed  
And then be married,  
The child is heaven-sent."

And it came to pass  
That there went out a decree  
From Caesar Augustus  
That all the world would be taxed  
And each went to be taxed  
To his own city.  
So Joseph also went  
With his lady innocent,  
With his lady innocent.

(The lions in the mountains  
Let them pass and followed  
Close by night to guard them.)

From Galilee to Bethlehem  
She journeyed with only a donkey to ride,  
With Joseph walking beside,  
Came to David's city  
While she was great with child,  
Through a country dark and wild,  
Through a country dark and wild.

(And on the far horizon  
Rose a strange and brilliant  
Star as though to guide them.)