

The Gifts They Gave

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Jesus, our brother, kind and good
Was humbly born in a stable of wood
And the friendly beasts around Him stood
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I said, the donkey, shaggy and brown
I carried His mother up hill and down
I carried His mother to Bethlehem town
I said, the donkey, shaggy and brown

I said, the sheep with curly horn
I gave Him my wool for a blanket warm
He wore my coat on Christmas morn
I said, the sheep with curly horn

I said, the dove from the rafters high
I cooed Him to sleep that He should not cry
We cooed Him to sleep my love and I
I said, the dove from rafters high

Thus, every beast by some good spell
In the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel
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