Jesus the Christ is Born

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Give thanks now, every one.
Rejoice, ye great ones and ye small,
God's will, hit has been done.

Ye mighty kings of earth,
Before the manger bed,
Cast down, cast down your golden crown
From off your royal head.

For in this lowly guise
The son of God do sleep,
And see the Queen of Heaven kneel,
Her faithful vigil keep.

Two angels at His head,
Two angels at His feet,
Beside His bed the flower red,
Perfuming there so sweet.

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