# The Friendly Beasts (Traditional French Carol)

## Sufjan Stevens

Jesus our brother, strong and good
Was humbly born in a stable rude
And the friendly beasts around him stood
Jesus our brother, strong and good."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 cow, all white and red
"I gave him my manger for his bed;
I gave him my hay to pillow his head."
"I," said the cow, all white and red."I," said the sheep with curly horn,
"I gave him my wool for his 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 so that he would not cry;
We cooed him to sleep, my mate and i."
"I," said the dove from the rafters high.Thus every beast by some good spell
In the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel,
The gift he gave Emmanuel.

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