

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

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