

# 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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