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Humility

From heaven's glory circled throne
To Bethlehem He came;
He who had born the form divine
Embraced our human frame.

The eternal Son a babe became,
Of virgin mother born,
Exchanged the angels' holy praise
For earth's reproach and scorn.

Full joyous was the angel song
O'er Judah's starlit plain
The Saviour, Christ the Lord, had come
To break sin's tyrant chain.

Hail! Son of God, who meekly stooped
Sweet Babe of Bethlehem!
Thy brow, once crowned with thorns, now wears
A royal diadem.

J. C. Macaulay

Christmas Light

D.G.

Moderato

— Dave Gast

Musical notation for the first system, including piano (p) and forte (f) dynamics.

1. What mean-ing, O Wise Men, hath yon-der great light, which shin-eth be-fore you by day and by night?
2. O ye who are sit-ting in dark-ness a-lone, come look to the One who for sin did a-tone;

Musical notation for the second system, including piano (p), crescendo (Cres.), forte (f), and decrescendo (Decresc.) dynamics.

1. And why do you fol-low its wan-der-ing beam o'er moun-tain and val-ley through de-sert and stream?
2. Who, born in a man-ger, brought Light to man-kind. And all who re-ceive Him, sal-va-tion shall find.

Musical notation for the third system, including piano (p) and forte (f) dynamics.

Allegro

1. Ah, lit-tle ones, 'tis Jesus' star! Lift up your voice and sing. And if we fol-low it a-far, 'twill
2. Come, praise the Lord with all your might. Lift up your voice and sing, to Jesus Christ, who is our Light, our

Musical notation for the fourth system, including mezzo-forte (mf) dynamics.

1. 2. Fine

lead us to our King.

Mas-ter, Lord and King.

Musical notation for the fifth system, including fortissimo (ff) dynamics.



Christmas Light

The Christmas carol on the opposite page was especially written for us by David Gast, one of our students.

Dave is in the second year of the Sacred Music BSM course.

If you would be interested in having more copies of the words and music of this Christmas carol kindly write to us.

Praise Themes

- For the time of spiritual challenge and personal evaluation during the special lectures, October 19 - 21 by Dr. Henry Brandt, noted Christian Psychologist from Detroit.
- For the generous provision of food received from local churches at Thanksgiving.
- For the effective ministry of our students and faculty already evidenced this year. We praise the Lord for over 30 who have professed salvation and 76 who have been enrolled in personal Bible study and memory work.
- For the Spiritual Life Conference with Dr. W. Fitch of Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto.
- For His presence in the midst of near tragedy when Mr. Elmer Cassidy, Field Representative; Miss Shirley Funnell, Alumni Secretary; and Miss Helen Hofstetter, Secretary to the Dean of Students were involved in an automobile accident recently.

Prayer Notes

PRAY . . .

. . . for the students as they write their Christmas exams, December 11-18.

. . . for the ministry of our five student gospel teams, two quartets and three trios with faculty as speakers.

Christmas Musicale

The LCBM Chorale will present their Annual Christmas Musicale Sunday, December 13 at 2:45 p.m. in the Beal



Secondary School, London. Arrayed in their new choir robes the chorale, under the direction of Mr. Warren Adams, will present the Christmas story in sacred song.

Guest artists will be Mrs. Marion Crowley Newby, Contralto soloist; Mrs. Fred Bauman, Violin soloist; and Captain Phil Kerr, Euphonium soloist. Also featured will be the student body choir, a junior choir and college instrumental and vocal groups. A personal invitation is extended to you to join us for our Annual Christmas Musicale.

College for a Day

"What is Bible College really like?"

"What are the professors and students like?" "What are the college buildings, dorms and dining hall like?" These and many other questions puzzle young people contemplating training for His service.

On April 19 - 20, 1965 the school will be open to invite young people in Grade 12 and 13 to visit the "college for a day" and see personally life at LCBM. In classes, student chapel, dining hall and dorms the visiting students learn much about LCBM life.

Plan now for "college for a day"!

Unto You Is Born a Saviour

By DR. J. C. MACAULAY, President



To all outward appearance it was a very ordinary birth. There were indeed some unusual circumstances attached to it, giving it a more than ordinary emotional touch. It took place in a cattle shed, with the manger for a cot, because the sole inn of the village was already crowded when the expectant couple arrived. It must have been hard on the mother to make that journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, with no better means of transportation than a donkey—if they even had that! No doubt there were sympathetic remarks passed when the news spread. But it was still a very ordinary birth.

Or was it? There were some decidedly extraordinary things about it. A band of angels celebrated it in song on the plains of Bethlehem, while one of their number announced it to a group of shepherds. A star informed eastern sages, and brought them on their errand of worship. News of it made Herod tremble on his throne and moved him to his horrible crime of infanticide in an attempt to destroy this particular child.

There is yet more. This birth was the subject of ancient prophecy. Its place was clearly predicted, and, for those who had discernment, the time (at least in a general way) was indicated. There were waiting souls, such as Simeon and Anna. Biologically this was a unique human birth. An angelic

messenger was sent to prepare Mary for the extraordinary experience of conception without sexual relation, and again an angel assured the deeply distressed Joseph that "that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

Who, then, can this be whose birth is at once so ordinary and so extraordinary, so natural and yet with such supernatural preparations? Let Gabriel's message to Mary inform us: "that holy thing that shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Let Micah who prophesied of the birthplace identify Him: "whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." Of Isaiah the prophet of the virgin birth: "his name shall be called . . . the mighty God." Or let the apostle John attest: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . and the Word was made flesh."

Will God thus dwell with men? There is surely a great purpose in such a stoop. But we must see the end of the stoop before we realize the purpose. The manger was but a step to the cross. He came "to seek and to save that which was lost . . . to give his life a ransom for man . . . that they might have life." It was surely with Calvary in view that the angels sang: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace."