A Boy is Born in Bethlehem

1. A Boy is born in [Bethlehem;]
   Rejoice, therefore, Jerusalem!
   Alleluia!

2. Our human flesh [doth He take on,]
   High Word of God, the eternal Son.

3. When Mary [Gabriel's words received,]
   Within her was her Son conceived.

4. From virgin's womb [doth He proceed]
   No human father doth He need.

5. From serpent's wound [immune was He,]
   Yet shared He our humanity.

6. 'Tis flesh like ours [He's clothed in,]
   Though free from man's primeval sin.

7. As from His chamber [strides the groom,]
   The Flow'r of Jesse now doth bloom.

8. Within the manger [doth He lie,]
   Who reigns eternally on high.

9. The ox and ass [that Child adored]
   And knew Him for their heav'nly Lord.

10. To shepherds did [an angel come]
    To tell them there was born a Son.

11. The wise men came [from lands afar]
    To offer incense, gold, and myrrh.

12. They stooped to enter [one by one,]
    To greet in turn the new-born Son.

13. At this glad birth, [with one accord]
    Let us rejoice and bless the Lord!

14. Praise to [the holy Trinity;]
    Give thanks to God eternally.