

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

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1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
'All hail', said he, 'O lowly maiden, Mary,
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!
2. 'For known a blessed Mother you shall be,
and held in high esteem eternally.
Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!
3. Then gentle Mary simply bowed her head.
'To me be as it pleases God,' she said.
'My soul shall praise and glorify his holy name.'
Most highly favoured lady! Gloria!
4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem on that first Christmas morn;
and Christian folk throughout the world will
ever say:
'Most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

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