

Puer nobis nascitur
Unto Us Is Born a Son

George R. Woodward / PUER NOBIS NASCITUR



1. Unto us is born a Son,
King of quires supernal;
see on earth his life begun,
of lords the Lord eternal,
of lords the Lord eternal.
2. Christ from heav'n descending low,
comes on earth a stranger;
ox and ass their owner know
becradled in the manger,
becradled in the manger.
3. This did Herod sore affray
and grievously bewilder;
so he gave the word to slay
and slew the little childer,
and slew the little childer.
4. Of his love and mercy mild
this the Christmas story:
and O that Mary's gentle child
might lead us up to glory,
might lead us up to glory.
5. O and A and A and O
cum cantibus in choro,
let the merry organ go
Benedicamus Domino,
Benedicamus Domino.

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