

Puer nobis nascitur
Unto Us a Boy is Born

Percy Dearmer

1. Unto us a boy is born!
 King of all creation;
 came he to a world forlorn,
 the Lord of ev'ry nation,
 the Lord of ev'ry nation.
2. Cradled in a stall was he
 with sleepy cows and asses;
 but the very beasts could see
 that he all men surpasses,
 that he all men surpasses.
3. Herod then with fear was filled:
 "A prince", he said, "in Jewry!"
 All the little boys he killed
 at Bethl'hem in his fury,
 at Bethl'hem in his fury.
4. Now may Mary's son, who came
 so long ago to love us,
 lead us all with hearts aflame
 unto the joys above us,
 unto the joys above us.
5. Omega and Alpha he!
 Let the organ thunder,
 while the choir with peals of glee
 doth rend the earth asunder,
 doth rend the earth asunder.

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