

Puer nobis nascitur
Unto Us a Child is Born
Percy Dearmer / PUER NOBIS NASCITUR



1. Unto us a child 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 us all surpasses,
that he us all 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
shall rend the earth asunder,
shall rend the earth asunder.

Inspiration: "Puer nobis nascitur", Latin, 15th century
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