

## Gentle Mary Laid Her Child 146

1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;  
 2 An - gels sang a - bout his birth; wise men sought and found him;  
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;

there he lay, the un - de - filed, to the world a strang - er.  
 heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a - round him.  
 he is still the un - de - filed, but no more a strang - er.

Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Sav - ior?  
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
 Son of God, of hum - ble birth, beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race who have found his fa - vor.  
 all the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ring - ing.  
 praise his name in all the earth; hail the King of glo - ry!

This 20th-century Christmas text by an English-born Canadian clergyman was originally a poem called "The Manger Prince." It gains a certain antique flavor by being set to a late medieval song associated with springtime. (The tune name means "The flowering time is near.")