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The Manger of My Heart

This Christmas, Lord, come to the manger of my heart.
Fill me with Your presence, right from the very start.
As I prepare for the holidays, and gifts to be given,
remind me of the gift You gave when you sent Your Son from Heaven.

The first Christmas gift was the greatest gift ever;
When You came as a baby born in a manger.
And wrapped like the gifts I find under our tree,
You wait to be opened, to give Your love to me.

Restore to me the wonder that came with Jesus' birth,
When He left the riches of Heaven and wrapped Himself in rags of earth.
Immanuel, *God with us*, Your presence came that night.
Angels announced, "Into your darkness God brings His Light."

"Do not be afraid," they said, to shepherds in the field.
Speak to my heart today, Lord, and help me to yield.
Make me like those shepherd boys, obedient to your call.
Putting distractions and worries aside, to You I surrender them all.

Surround me with Your presence, Lord, I long to hear Your voice.
Clear my mind of concerns and all the holiday noise.
Slow me down this Christmas, help me not be in a rush.
In the midst of parties and planning, I want to feel Your hush.

This Christmas, Jesus, come to the manger of my heart.
Invade my life like Bethlehem, bringing peace to every part.
Dwell within and around me, as I unwrap Your presence each day.
Keep my heart and mind on You, Lord. It's in Your precious Name I pray.

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