

A Hymn for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Please, Come with Me to Bethlehem

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Suggested melody: *St Asaph* or *Evangel*

Theme: Coming close to Christmas, anticipating what we will experience

Please, come with me to Bethlehem to see what we can find.
The news is out that God is there, close by to human-kind.
"Emmanuel!" we've heard it said, God's gift to me and you.
Please, come with me to Bethlehem to see if it is true.

For I have been to Bethlehem and found an open door,
And there I sank onto my knees down on a stable floor.
A child lay there! Could this be real? Was this what God had planned?
Though I have been to Bethlehem, I still don't understand.

Then for a while in Bethlehem, I watched the shepherds come
To bow before this fragile child in worship, one by one.
"The angel choir gave us the news; they told us what to do."
And waiting there in Bethlehem, I soon believed it too.

So, come with me from Bethlehem, for I've got news to share;
Though I don't fully understand what God was doing there,
And how the human and divine got all mixed up in one.
But I've been changed in Bethlehem by all that God has done.

Please, come again to Bethlehem; don't wonder or delay!
You'll find the Incarnation brings another Christmas day.
You may not fully grasp it all, or know what you should do,
But hurry down to Bethlehem where God's love comes for you.

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