

The Manger and the Cross (words and music by Richard Blauvelt)

This child in a manger
His name is Jesus
Gift to the nations,
gift from above.
The promised Messiah
brings hope and salvation.
He shows us the Father's love.

Joseph and Mary
look on in wonder
at all they have witnessed and
all they have seen.
Never suspecting
this child that they carry
one day will climb Calvary.

The manger that holds Him,
arms that enfold Him will
soon be replaced by a cross and a tomb.
His death and His passion.
His resurrection.
Atonement for me and for you.

The Christmas story seems so sweet
shepherds and wisemen an infant that sleeps.
They don't know why Jesus came.
Mankind's redemption has a price to pay.
See Him climb Mount Calvary.
Brutally beaten and hung on a tree.

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