

9 Shepherds Come to Adore the Infant Jesus Lk. 2:8-20

At this time, in the countryside, nearby,
Shepherds guarded their sheep with watchful eye.

Just then, an angel of the Lord appeared,
And shone God's glory, so the shepherds feared.

"Fear not: we bring good news to fill all with delight,
A joy for the whole people to exult tonight.

Your Christ is born today in David's town,
Though He will have no jewels, nor staff, nor crown,

But swaddling clothes and in a manger laid."
At this, a host of angels serenade,

"Give glory to God in the highest for this birth!
Grant His peace to all those who do His will on earth!"

Now, when the angels back to heaven went,
The shepherds said, "Let's go see this event,

Of which the Lord God has, to us, made known,"
And so they found the king, His humble throne,

And parents proud, just as the angel said.
The news made Mary ponder in her head

What all this meant, for those who heard the tale
Imagined what these signs might all entail.

The shepherds left, to praise and glorify
The God who came to earth to sanctify.

