

N.B.P. #121

**1. Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new;
bear all people's burden,
freely love and pardon.**

Refrain:

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

When he comes,

when he comes,

who will make him welcome?

**2. God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.**

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**3. Mary hail! Though afraid,
she believed; she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid:
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected.**

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**4. Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlehem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
unborn son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!**

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When he comes,

when he comes,

we will make him welcome! *