

Madonna and Child



### Sweet Christmas Bells

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"Christus natus hodie!"  
Christ is born for us to-day;  
"Ez Maria Virgine!"

Ah! yes, within a manger bleak  
Is born the Saviour of our race,  
And shepherds haste the Child to seek,  
And gaze upon His beauteous Face!

Humility 'tis makes them wise;  
No problems deep do they propound;  
The guiding Star before their eyes  
Doth lead them where the Babe is found!

Dear Holy Child-like to these men  
Make us to simple be, and kind;  
Our hearts and minds make humble: then  
Misleading lights can never blind!

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