

# The First Christmas Eve

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Wan - der - ers trav - el ing through the night,  
Then in a sta - ble in Beth - le - hem,

Seek - ing the com - fort of the shel - ter and light,  
A set - ting so plain for the per - fect gem,

Would no inn or home re - ceive  
The maid lay down her wear - y head,

wan - der - ers on the first Christ - mas eve?  
Straw from the man - ger she used for a bed.

There was a star that ap - peared in the east  
There she rest - ed through the night

As a sign to the man and beast.  
Wait - ing to bring the gift of light,

Would the eyes for that saw be lieve  
Wait - ing for the mor - row's birth,

the star that shone down on the first Christ - mas eve?  
That would bring light to all the earth.

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