

Gabriel's message

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1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden, Mary,
"Most highly favor'd lady, gloria!"

2. "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee.
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold.
"Most highly favor'd lady, gloria!"

3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.
"To me be as it pleaseth, God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
"Most highly favor'd lady, gloria!"

4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
"Most highly favor'd lady, gloria!"

gloria = eer/roem,
lowly = nederige, morn = morgen,
laud = prijzen, meekly = gedwee,
seers = zieners, favored = gezegende