

The Birth Of Jesus Announced

(with apologies to Roald Dahl!)

*Mused Mary sitting in her room
"What is in store for me when soon
I'll have a man with all that means:
A life of drudge, domestic scenes"*

*While there she sat, musing her plight,
A shining angel hove in sight.
(Not quite what Mary had in mind –
A vision of the heaven kind!)*

*With golden voice so strong and clear
He said "Hail! You're blest my dear!"*

*"Hail?" thought Mary, "He's off his rocker –
It's not raining - but heck and bother,
What could he mean to call me 'blest'
What has he seen that I have missed?"*

*"Don't fear" said Angel, "Good news I bring
For you a baby – a little king.
The Son of God this child's to be
His kingdom's for eternity!"*

*Now Mary wasn't at all slow
She sat and thought and said "I know
I'm not your high sophisticate,
But look here buddy, listen mate,
Despite those fancy words you say
I wasn't born just yesterday!
You can't have babies on your own
I'm unattached, still home alone!"*

*Said angel with a cheery grin
"There's a secret - I'll let you in:
this child is not your average type
from parents who have got it right.
He'll come on board when all Gods power
Will rest on you this very hour.
He'll be God's own and yours as well –
He'll have the name 'Immanuel'!
Your relly Liz is pregnant too...
There's nothing that God cannot do!"*



*Well, what would you do if in the night
A mighty angel hove in sight
And dumps on you dilemma, pain...
A baby that you can't explain?
Who will believe her, who will hear..
They'll run her out of town, no fear!*

*But Mary – young and poor, alone
Says words that made herself at home
In God's own heart – and ours as well
Listen as they weave their spell:*

*"I'm God's servant" – her voice was clear
No trace of any selfish fear.
"Let God do it as he says
I'll follow God for all my days".*



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