

Star-Struck by the Stable Gate

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1. Star-struck by the sta-ble gate, for the gift of
 2. "Long a-go, God came to sheep, woke us from our
 3. "Born a calf to cam-el kind, God, with mor-tal
 4. "Once to us, to ox and ass, soft as sun-shine,
 5. We, for all our vaunt-ed brain, long have sought for

thought-ful beasts re-call how they, an-gel-led and
 helped our sense-less striv-ing cease. Now with bat-ed
 with the light of the di-vine. Now with grate-ful
 teach-ing us that we are blessed. Now with low-ly
 prayed our cloud-ed sight would clear. Last cre-a-ted,

God they wait. Chew-ing cud and chomp-ing hay,
 wool-y sleep, led us to a last-ing peace,
 flesh com-bined, showed us how we cam-els shine
 sweet as grass, God's dear self was man-i-fest,
 God in vain, while the oth-er creat-ures here

star-en-ticed, first en-coun-tered creat-ure Christ.
 bleat we pray: hu-mans, greet your peace-ful day!"
 grunt we pray: hu-mans, greet your shin-ing day!"
 low we pray: hu-mans, greet your bless-ed day!"
 last to see: God with us! E-pi-pha-ny!