

He Is Born

Author Traditional French carol

Composer 18th cent. French carol

Galatians 4: 4-7

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Luke 1: 26-56

Luke 2: 4-7

Romans 1: 1-3

Thoughts on the Text

The wait is over! Having journeyed through the Advent season pleading for the long expected Savior to come, finally He arrives on the scene. We aren't very good at waiting. In fact during Advent we often want to rush to the songs much like this one that tell the story that we already know.

This song reminds us that we shouldn't be too surprised that the Christ Child is born because the prophets told us about it. Over and over the prophets tell us how it is going to go and yet it is still hard to believe, but he has finally come.

The perfect and holy Christ has come, and He is a gift. Though I'm not yet a parent, I think of what Mary and Joseph must have been thinking as they looked down in the crib. Surely they asked the question, "why us?" as they peered over the trough. Then little Jesus giggled and cried and just like any other baby; Mary and Joseph thinking he is the most precious thing.

It is this little baby, the one the prophets told us about, the one that is pure and perfect, Who grants us peace. I find myself back in the story of the first Christmas night thinking that surely peace was the last thing Mary and Joseph must have felt. Their world was turned upside down as the two were trying to figure out what it meant to be parents to the Savior of the world. How could peace be found in a barn after all? Maybe they did not initially understand the peace. Maybe they were like most of us and realized the heavenly peace that Jesus affords only as they looked back on their lives.

He is born! May we not forget to sing this story of this precious gift!