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The Waits of Old
By Byron Williams

Play, minstrel, play!
'Tis Christmas Day!
Intone these instruments to joy
As in that old Christmas morn
The shepherds hailed the Christ-child boy
That in the manger dear was born!

Play, minstrel, play!
Upon the hay
There sleeps secure from Herod's ban
Within the hills of Galilee
The Saviour of his fellow men
The King of all the Kings is He!

Play, minstrel, all!
Throughout the hall
Be merry as a wedding feast!
Again we place the shaven
Upon the sacred head of Christ—
The Chosen Child of Bethlehem!

All hail the King!
Let choirs wail
O'er every land, o'er every sea,
And let the song be now as when
He came—the child of Galilee:
Of "peace on earth, good will to men!"

