

The Friendly Beasts

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Jesus our brother kind and good
Was humbly born in a stable rude
And the friendly beasts around him stood
Jesus our brother, kind and good

Said the donkey, all shaggy and brown
"I carried his mother up hill and down
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town."
Thus said the donkey, shaggy and brown

Said the cow, all white and red
"I gave him my manger for his bed
I gave him my hay to pillow his head."
Thus said the cow, all white and red

"I," said the sheep, with curly horn
"I gave him my wool for a blanket warm
He wore my coat on Christmas morn."
"I," said the sheep, with curly horn

Thus every beast, by some good spell
In the stable rude was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel
The gift he gave Emmanuel
The gift he gave Emmanuel