

O Blessed Jesus This

(also known as O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is)

CHRISTMAS

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1. O bless - ed Je - - sus, This Thy low - ly man - - ger
 2. For He whose migh - - ty sway The winds and seas o - -
 3. For thus, O Good Su - - preme, Wilt Thou our flesh re - -
 4. Thy glo - ry and Thy joy All woe and grief de - -
 5. Then come, who - e'er thou art, O poor des - pon - - ding

is The Pa - ra - dise where oft my soul would feed:
 - bey, Sub - - mits to serve, and stoops to those who sin;
 - deem, And raise it to Thy throne o'er e - very height:
 - stroy; Thou, Hea - v'nly Trea - sure, dost all wealth re - - store!
 heart, Take cou - rage now, let this thy fears dis - - pel,

Here is the place, my Lord, Where lies th'E - ter - - nal Word
 The glo - rious Son of God Doth bear the mor - - tal load
 E - - ter - nal Strength, here Thou To bro - ther - hood dost bow
 Thou deep and li - - ving Well! Thou great Im - man - - u - - el
 That since His Son most dear Thy God hath giv'n thee here,

Clothed with our flesh, made like to us in - - deed.
 Of earth and dust, like us and all our kin.
 With tran - sient things that pass like mists of night.
 Dost con - quer sin and death for e - ver - - more!
 It can - not be but God doth love thee well.

6. How often dost thou think
 That thou must surely sink,
 That hope and comfort are no more for thee;
 Come hither then and gaze
 Upon this Infant's face,
 And here the love of God incarnate see.

7. Ah now the blessed door
 Stands open evermore
 To all the joys of this world and the next:
 This Babe will be our Friend,
 And quickly make an end
 Of all that faithful hearts long time hath vex'd.

8. Then, earth, we care no more
 To seek thy richest store,
 If but this treasure will be still our own;
 And he who holds it fast,
 Till all this life is past,
 Our Lord will crown with joy before His throne.