

3rd Child: we sang about Jesus and Mary:

Lector: Who is Jesus?

1st Child: Nay, I hardly know, I believe He lived and died long years ago:

Lector: If you sing about Him, surely you must know the reason why the name calls forth such melody and joy:

2nd Child: Folk used to say He came to make this earth a better place, but that was long ago and nothing since has happened to bring about this change, so life goes on until we cease to trouble and the Name we mention with our lips, means little save a time or season in the year, now having no reality:

Lector: Alas! You speak the truth: The opportunity God gave to man is never taken, but the life, the sacrifice of Him we sing about stands out in this world's history as a landmark time can n'er efface, because He stands for those eternal truths we cannot do without - Truth and justice in our dealings, mercy, pity, peace and love. Not longing to possess and pile up wealth but living in the knowledge that our happiness is only found in full expression of these virtues.

4th Child: Now your words give meaning to our song, but tell us more about this Babe, where was He born?

Lector: (holding up book) Look in the Book, the old, old Book that tells us much which if men hearkened would make this life as God would have it, fair as the flowers, sweet as the springtide blossom and glorious as the light and shade shed forth at morn and eve. Do you not love God's nature so beautiful in form and fashion, then why should human nature be less lovely? Is it because the mind of man is not at one with God and fails to see His image in the humblest body (Lector reads Micah 5 v. 2)

5th Child: Where is Bethlehem? Is it here and now or in the long, long past? Come Reader, let us go and seek it, may be we yet shall find this place, the happy land where children will not quarrel or grown up men fall out, and where the prophet says the little child shall lead them into the ways that bring true happiness for all.

Lector: Bethlem is long ago yet always with us, the Child, the Christ is ever present, the world then cast Him out, throughout the ages and even now today, all those who love and work for Brotherhood must suffer loss and be cast out like Him. (Closes book) Come let us go, by seeking Him we seek the things He lived for which only can give peace to men,

(Solo singer 1st verse No. 15. All retire to the N. side aisle)

End of 1st scene.

During the interval the singers sing Carol 12. Then the procession of the Wise men begins from three positions, South Aisle, North Aisle and Centre where all meet at the Front. Solo voice "All they from Sheba," etc.; then all the singers sing No. 16, 1st Verse. As the procession moves up the Centre Aisle Reader and Children enter and take up position by the screen.

1st Wise man (to Reader) Friend, can you tell us where a child is born who will bring us peace and fellowship? Long since have we looked for Him and this our age, distressed and troubled by the knowledge and the power of man is looking for a guide and leader.

2nd Wise Man: We seemed to hear, as we travelled, words that were wafted on the breeze telling us our search was nearly ended and that He whom the ages seek would soon be manifested on the earth in the person of the deathless One whose birth means joy and plenty where now is poverty and want.

3rd Wise Man: The New Age will assuredly appear, the time