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Wise Men came bearing royal gifts
Of frankincense and gold,
And myrrh, perhaps in jewelled urn
No baby hands could hold;
Symbolic off'rings—costly gifts,
And yet they seem so cold.

Perchance the Shepherds of the Hills, Who'd heard the angels sing, Came with a little lamb or dove;—Some gentle living thing;—Some gift inspired of tenderness To comfort Christ the King.

—Lucy Gertrude Clarkin.