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Pilgrims of the Star

They did not question where the Star was leading,
Enough for them to follow where it led;
And when His chosen people were unheeding,
"The Saviour of the world is born," they said.
They sought Him in a palace but they found Him
Obscure and lowly in a stable-cave,
And though they saw no princely courtiers 'round Him,
Of royal meaning were the gifts they gave.
As kings they came, arrayed in regal splendour,
To offer homage at a mightier throne;
They found a Baby starry-eyed and tender,
Who claimed no earthly kingdom for His Own.
Yet low they worshipped in the dust before Him,
"The men who came to Bethlehem from afar,"—
Vieing with humble shepherds to adore Him:
Ah, they were wise, the Pilgrims of the Star!

—*Lucy Gertrude Clarkin*