

EMMANUEL

This poem tells the whole story – the creation, the fall, and the coming of One who would restore the world back to God. His name is “Emmanuel,” which means “God with us.”

Jesus has many names, and they’re all wonderful. The name “Emmanuel” tells us that God Himself has drawn near, so near that we can say He is with us. Not just by our side, but closer to us than we are to ourselves. He who made us fashioned us for Himself, and we are most fulfilled when He fills us.

God Himself is with us in the person of Jesus, who became like as we are, so much so that He entered this world the way we all did – with a cry. An infant’s cry tells us that He feels what we feel – pain, sadness, bewilderment; He took on the whole human condition.

*God had created the heavens and earth
And all that therein is;
All that was and ever would be
Belonged to Him and was His.*

*For His own pleasure He created all things
In earth and in heaven above,
To be a part of the world He had made
In His Kingdom of eternal love.*

*There were seraphs and cherubs and angels and such
All gathered around His great throne;
But chiefest of all was man, who He made
To be in His heart, all His own.*

*But Satan had entered with malice at heart
Into the bright garden fair,
Perverting the plan that God had ordained,
Transforming it into his lair.*

*The man gave away the heart made for God
And death and destruction came in;
Extinguished the light, darkness was rife,
And every imaginable sin.*

*But lo! What a wonder, the God who had made
Worlds upon worlds became man;
He humbled Himself and entered His world
To bring forth salvation’s great plan.*

*All of man’s sorrow and sickness and sin
God took on Himself and embraced;
And there in the stable was heard a Babe’s cry,
The cry of the whole human race.*

*That cry grips our hearts at this time of year
For it speaks to our deepest of needs;
Let wise men, let shepherds, let angels adore
Emmanuel ~ God with us, indeed.*