H Carole On The Birth Of Christ Thomas Tusser (1524-1580)

1. Was not Christ our Saviour
Sent unto us from God above
Not for our good behavior,
But only of His mercy and love?
If it is true, as true it is,
Truly indeed;
Great thanks to God to yield for this
Then had we need.

2) This did our God for very troth,
To train to Him the soul of man
And justly to perform His oath
To Sarah, and to Abraham, than
That through his seed, all nations should
Most blessed be,
Hs in due time performed, He would
All flesh would see.

3) Which wondrously is brought to pass,
In in our sight already done,
By sending as His promise was
(To comfort us) His only Yon,
Even Christ, I mean, that Virgin's child,
In Bethlehem born:
That Lamb of God, that prophet mild,
With crowned thorn.

4) Such was His love, to save us all,
From dangers of the curse of God,
That we stood in by Adam's fall,
And by our own deserved rod.
That through His Blood and holy name
All that believe,
And fly from sin, and abhor the same,
Shall grace receive.

5) For this glad news, this feast cloth bring,
To God the son and Holy Ghost,
Let man give thanks, rejoice and sing,
From world to world, from coast to coast,
For other gifts in many ways,
That God cloth send:
Let us in Christ give God the Praise,
Till life shall end.