The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his
Smoothly and not too fast

eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he "thou lowly maid-en Mary,
Most
highly favour'd lady," Gloria!

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2. "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
   All generations laud and honour thee,
   Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold.
   Most highly favour'd lady." Gloria!

3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
   "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
   "My soul shall laud and magnify His Holy Name."
   "Most highly favour'd lady." Gloria!

4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
   In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
   And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say-
   "Most highly favour'd lady." Gloria!

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