

**THE CRADLE
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WITH MORNING & EVENING
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Hush! my dear, lie still and slumber;
Holy angels guard thy bed;
Heavenly blessings without number,
Gently falling on thy head.

Sleep, my babe; thy food and raiment,
House and home thy friends provide;
And without thy care or payment;
All thy wants are well supplied.

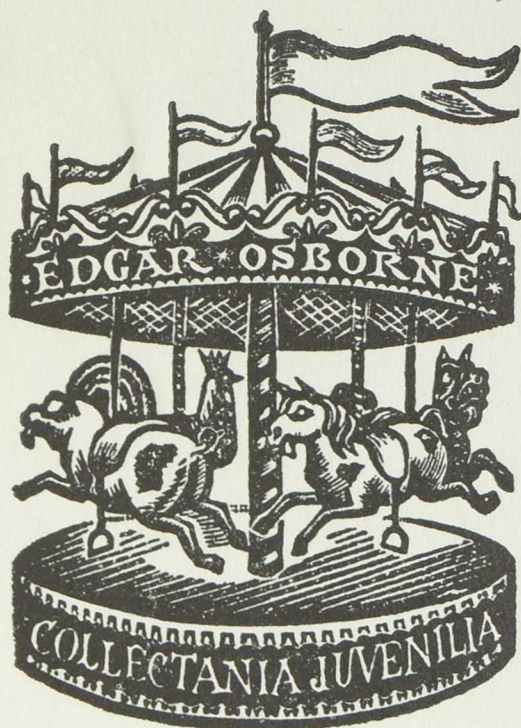


How much better art thou attended,
Than the Son of God could be,
When from Heaven he descended,
And became a child like thee !

Soft and easy is thy cradle ;
Coarse and hard thy Saviour lay,
When his birth-place was a stable,
And his softest bed was hay.

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Blessed babe ! what glorious features,
Spotless fair, divinely bright ;
Must he dwell with brutal creatures ?
How could angels bare the sight !

Was there nothing but a manger,
Cursed sinners could afford,
To receive the heav'nly stranger !
Did they not affront their Lord ?



Soft ! my child ! I did not chide thee,
Though my song might sound too hard :
'Tis thy mother sits beside thee,
And her arms shall be thy guard.

Yet to read the shameful story,
How the Jews abused their king,
How they served the Lord of Glory,
Makes me angry while I sing.



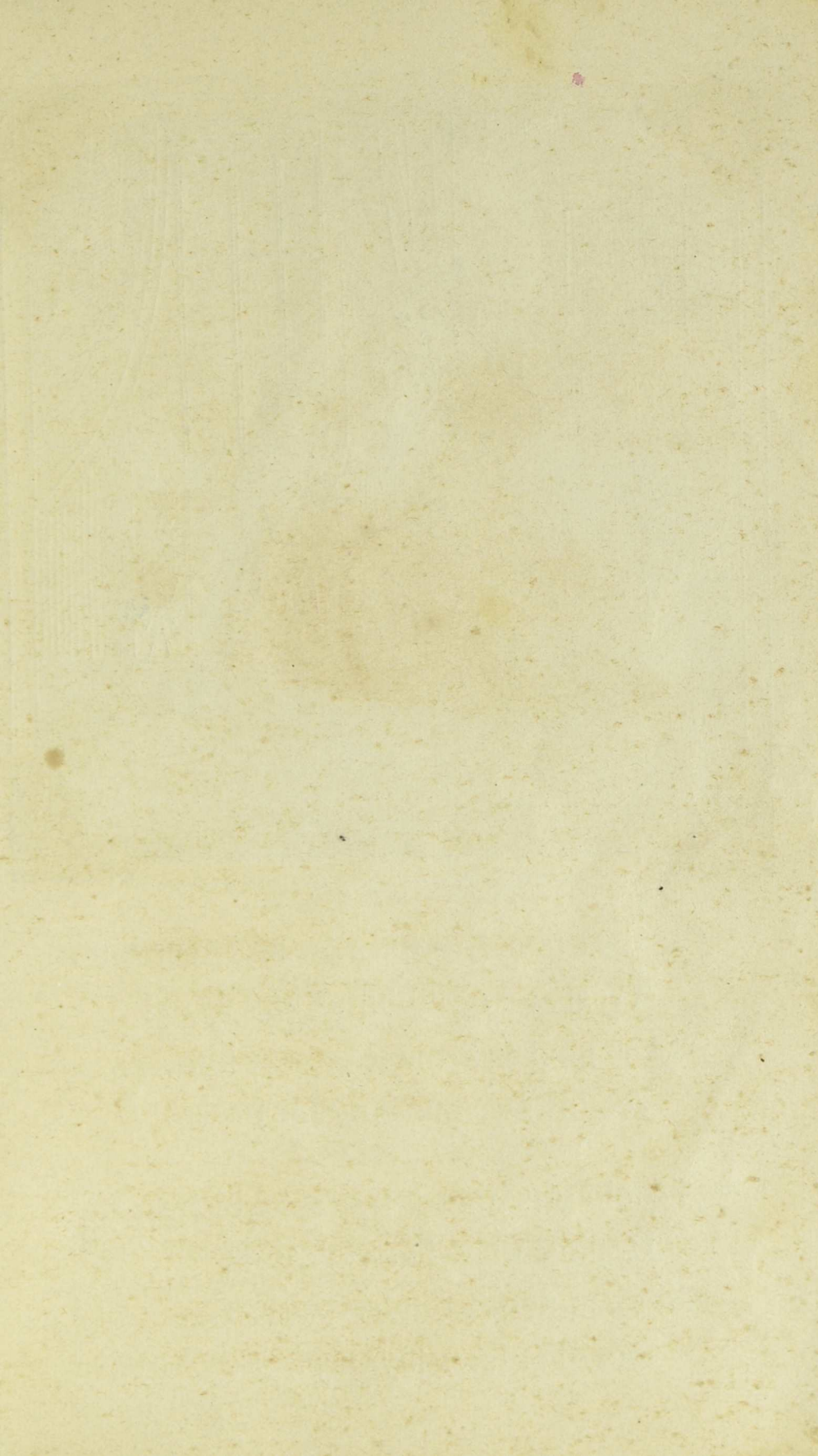
See the kinder shepherds round him,
Telling wonders from the skies !
Where they sought, him there they found him,
With his virgin mother by.

See the lovely babe a dressing,
Lovely infant how he smiled !
When he wept, the mother's blessing,
Soothed and hushed the holy child.



Lo ! he slumbers in a manger,
Where the horned oxen fed ;
Peace my darling ! here's no danger,
Here's no oxen near thy bed.

'Twas to save thee, child from dying,
Save my dear from burning flames,
Bitter groans and endless crying,
That my blessed Redeemer came.





Mays't thou live to know and fear him,
Trust and love him all thy days ;
Then go dwell for ever near him,
See his face and sing his praise.

I could give thee a thousand kisses,
Hoping what I most desire :
Not a mother's fondest wishes
Can to greater joys aspire.



MORNING PRAYER.

O God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, grant that we may fall into no sin, neither into danger, but that all our doings may be acceptable to thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

EVENING PRAYER.

O Lord, we beseech thee by thy great mercy to defend us from all dangers of this night, pardon every thing I have said, or done wrong this day. Be pleased to continue thy blessings to my parents, brothers, sisters, friends, and all mankind, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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