

Gentle Saviour, day and night

French Flanders (Harmonized by H.F. Sheppard)

1. Gen-tle Sa-viour, day and night, Ride three prin-ces great in might, O-ver moun-tain, o-ver plain,

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Thee a-seek-ing, Thee a-seek-ing, O-ver moun-tain, o-ver plain, Thee a-seek-ing, gen-tle CHILD.

2. Gaspar, Melchior, Bálthazár,
Those three princes from afar,
Gold and myrrh, and incense bear
For an offering, for an offering,
To the sweet and gentle CHILD.
3. Gentle Saviour in the cold,
In the dark with gifts of gold,
Those three princes at the door
Stand a-knocking, stand a-knocking,
Thee to worship, gentle CHILD.

4. Enter princes, from the night!
Here, within, is warmth and light,
Jesus smiles, His hands outspreads
For the offerings, for the offerings,
Praise to Him, the gentle CHILD.
5. Joseph, sweep the stable clean,
Strew the straw, though all is mean,
Here the Temple, here the Throne,
Here the Altar, here the Altar.
Of our King, this gentle CHILD.

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