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Isaiah 40:1–5

**Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term, that her penalty is
paid, that she has received from the Lord's
hand double for all her sins.**



A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”




Jeremiah 29:11–13

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.



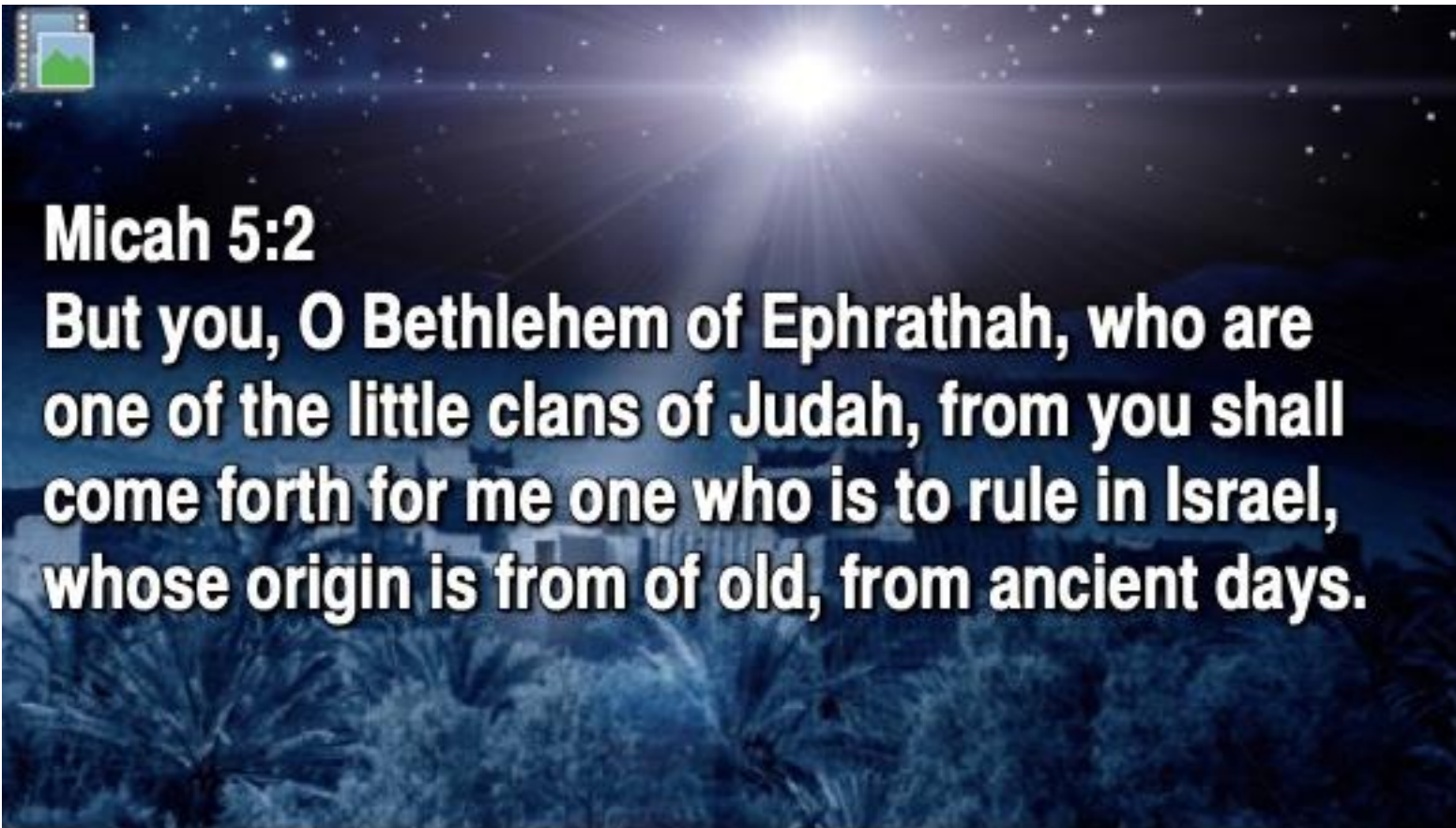
Jeremiah 31:31–33

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.



Isaiah 9:2,6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined...For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

A night sky with a bright star or planet in the center, casting a lens flare. The background is dark blue with many small stars. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of palm trees and other vegetation. In the top left corner, there is a small icon of a landscape with a green hill and a blue sky.

Micah 5:2

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.



“Do Not Be Afraid”



Luke 2:10

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.



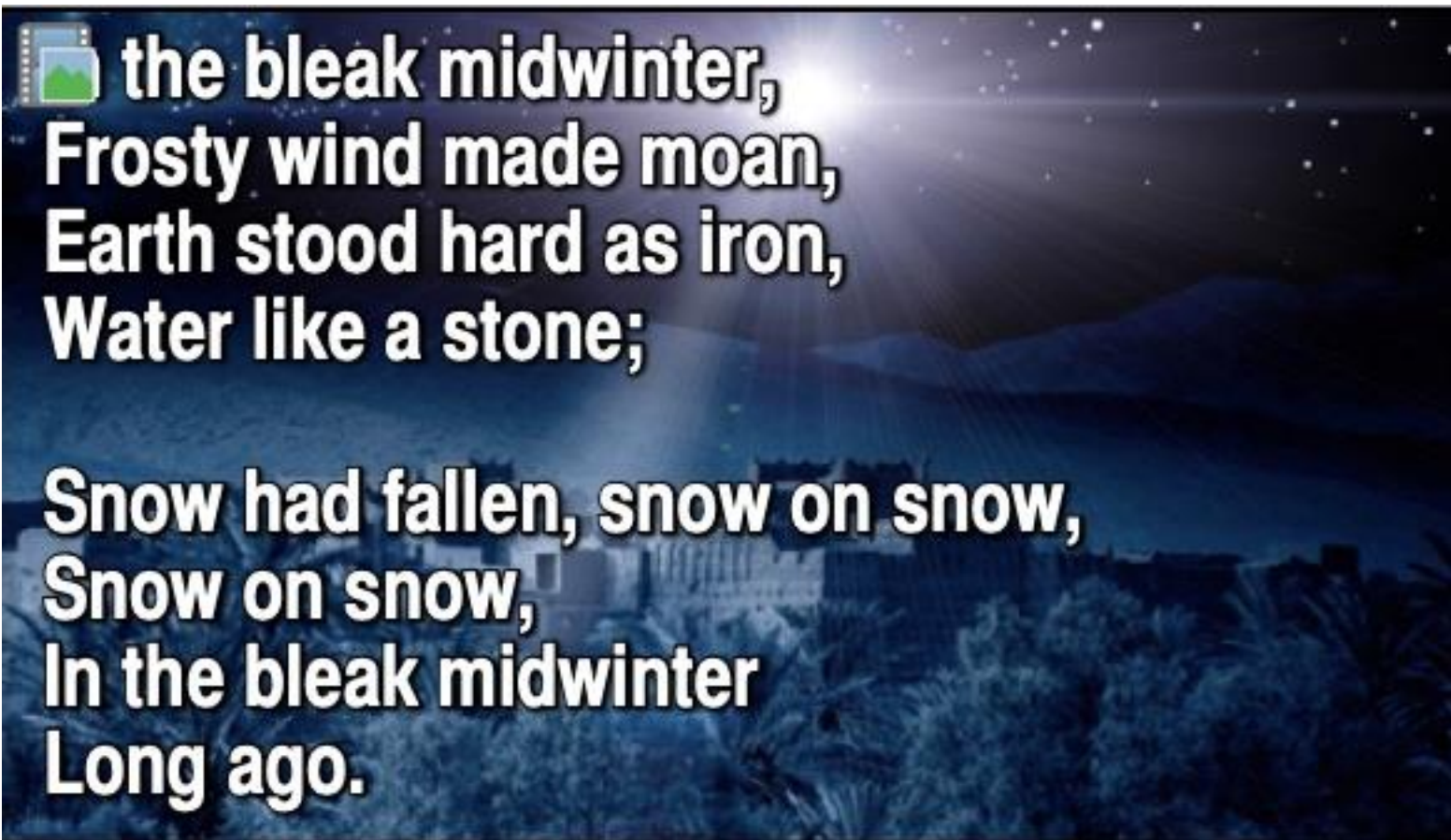
Luke 1:30


The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."



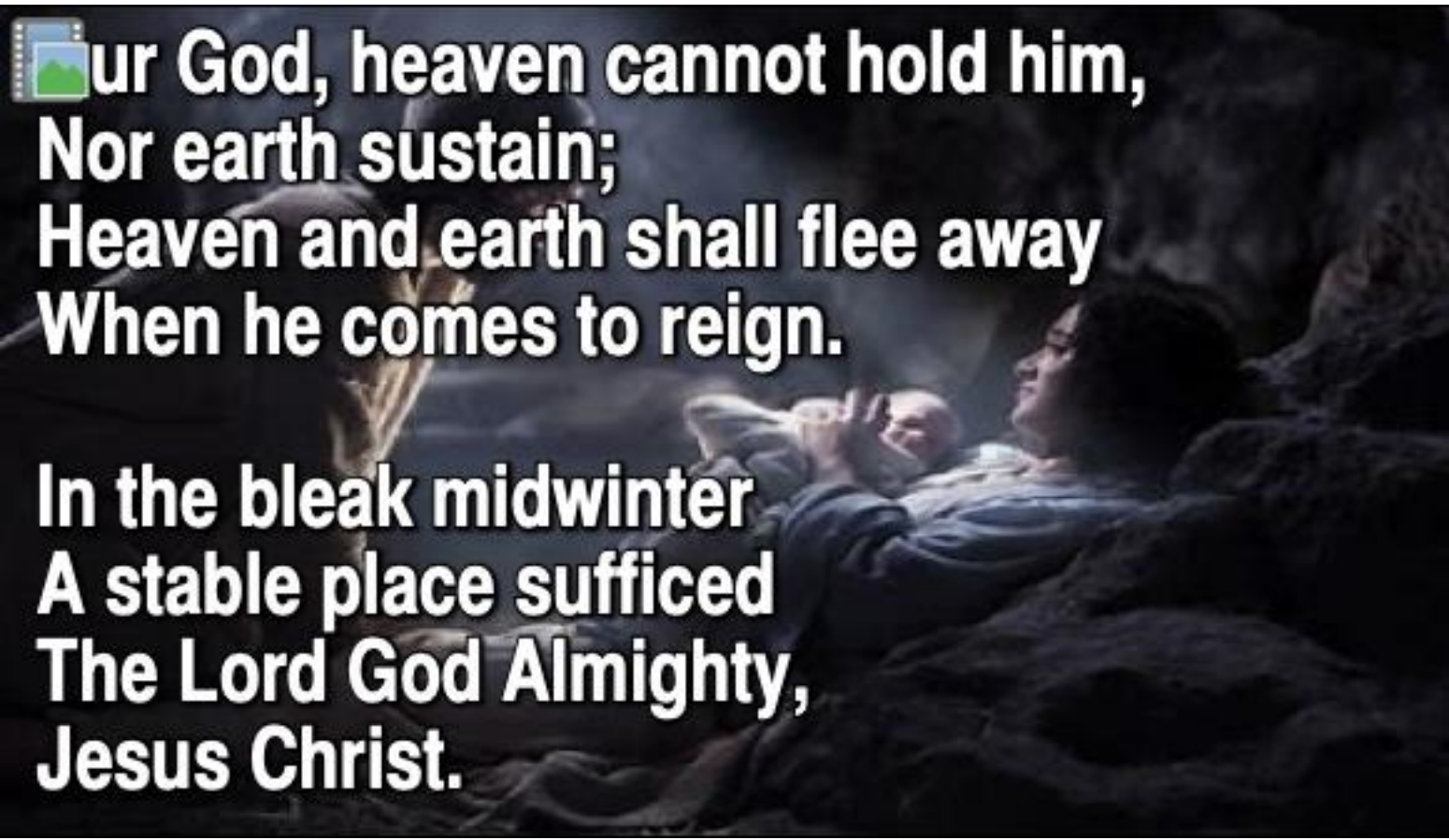
Matthew 28:10

Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”



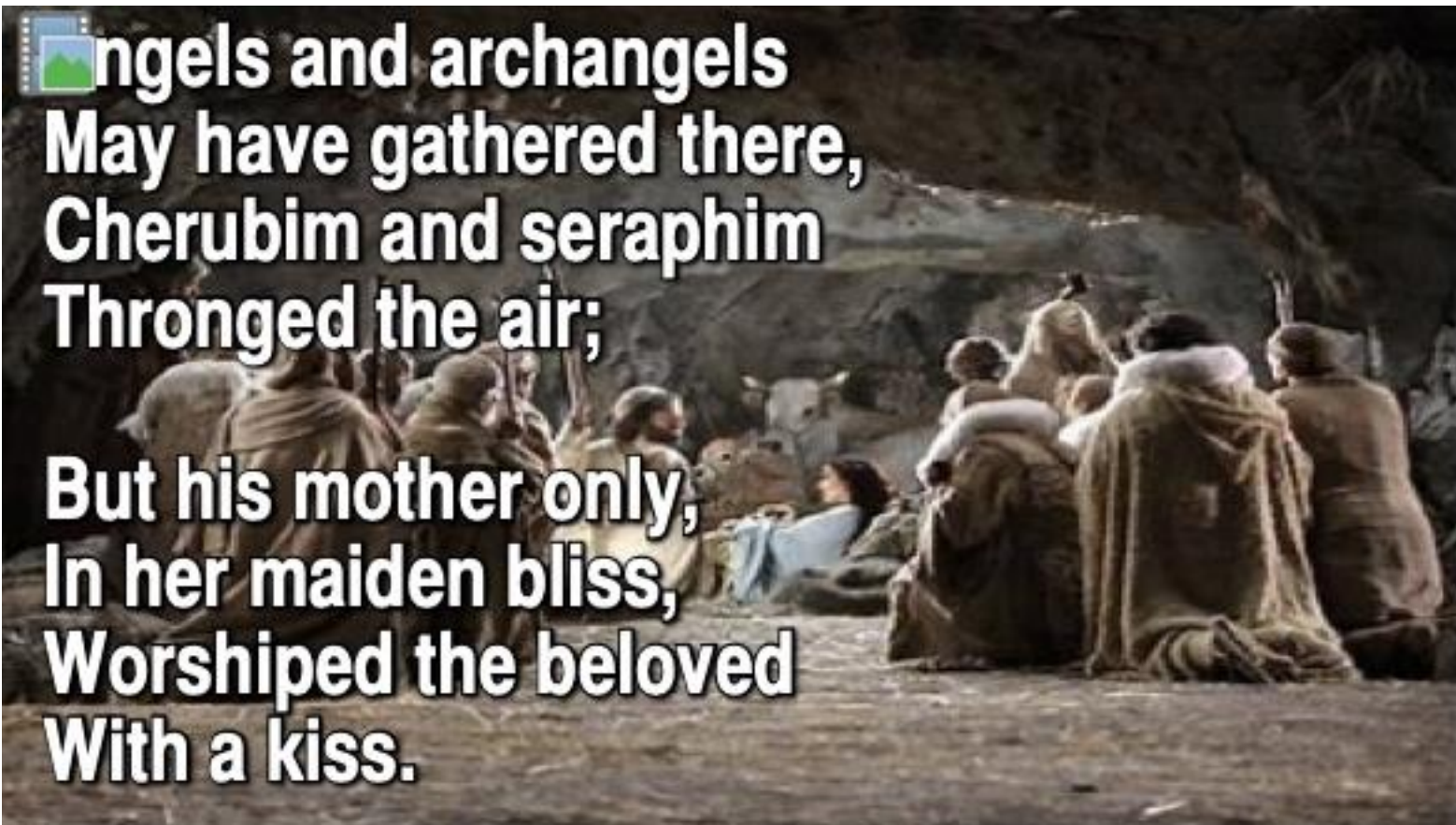
 the bleak midwinter,
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;

Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter
Long ago.



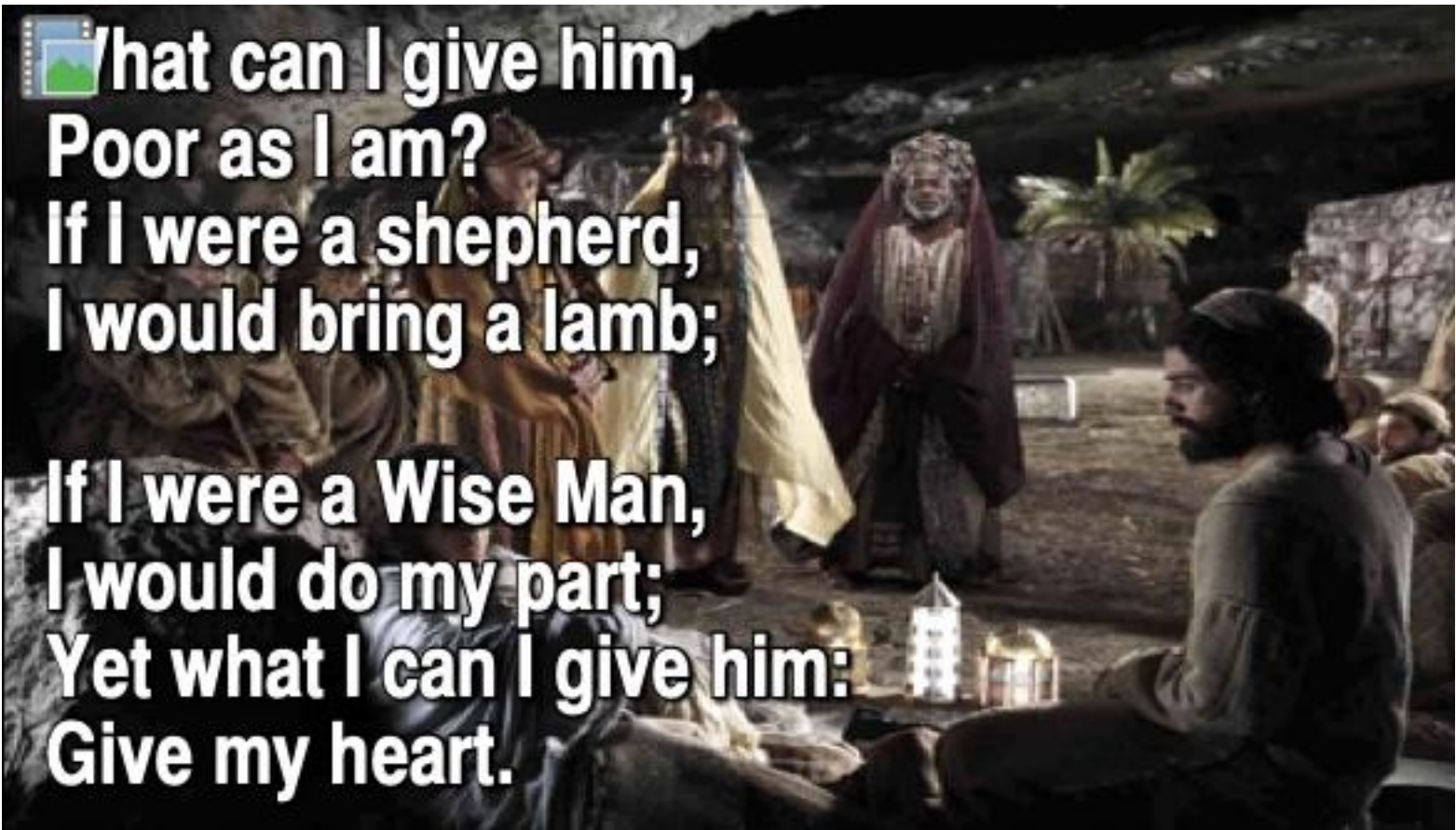
**Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign.**

**In the bleak midwinter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.**

A group of people, including men, women, and children, are gathered in a dark, rocky cave. Some are kneeling on the ground, while others stand. They are dressed in simple, earthy-toned robes. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from an opening in the cave, creating a dramatic and solemn atmosphere. The people appear to be in a state of worship or prayer, looking towards a central point in the cave.

**Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;**

**But his mother only,
In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved
With a kiss.**



**What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man,
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him:
Give my heart.**



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