

Advent Table Play

This advent table play, an archetypal birth story, is a working draft from Nancy Foster of Acorn Hill Waldorf Kindergarten in Maryland. The words were inspired, in part, from the song in Wynstones, "From Heaven's Arch So High", and another poem which contains the words, "sun, moon and stars are weaving a crown." The rest of the play is written by Nancy as is the first tune. The second tune is a traditional Christmas carol. (The angel was made of deep gold roving, as was the baby's wrapping).

Tune 1: From heaven's arch so high
A little Child draws nigh,
Coming softly from above,
Borne by angels full of love.

Spoken: In the darkness of the night
Mother and Father await the Light.
While awake, the watch they're keeping,
All the earth is soundly sleeping.

Tune 1: Now shining ever clearer
The Child comes softly nearer,
In the night, shines so bright,
That the Earth may take delight.

Spoken: A wonder fills this winter night,
With stars aglow in heav'n so bright.
All the heavens are smiling down —
Sun, moon, & stars are weaving a crown.

Tune 1: A gentle bird comes singing,
Its happy message bringing:
"Wake, you people of the earth!"
"A little child has come to birth!"

Spoken: Humble people now awake,
Through the night their journey make.
They stop to hear, stand quite near,
Wond'ring what is happening here.

Tune II: While the stars are shining bright,
Rock the little Child of Light,
Sleeping softly through the night,
We watch the Babe in slumber softly
dreaming;
Slumber, slumber,
See the Babe in slumber softly dreaming.

Tune I (mood of the 5th) N.F.

From heav-en's arch so high - A lit-tle child draws nigh -
Com-ing soft-ly from a-bove, Borne-by an-gels full of love.

Tune II Traditional

While the stars are shin-ing bright, Rock the lit-tle child of Light,
sleep-ing soft-ly through the night, We watch the babe in slum-ber soft-ly
dream-ing; slum-ber, slum-ber, See the babe in slum-ber soft-ly