

# Friendly Beasts

12<sup>th</sup> century Latin Hymn, 13<sup>th</sup> century plainsong (I, I)

A            A            D<sub>(2)</sub> E<sub>(1)</sub> A  
Jesus our brother kind and good

          A            D            E<sub>7</sub>    A  
Was humbly born in a stable rude

                  A            E            E            A  
And the friendly beasts a round him stood

A<sub>(1)</sub> D<sub>(2)</sub>            A            E            A  
Je sus our brother kind and good

"I" said the donkey shaggy and brown  
I carried his mother up hill and down  
I carried him safely to Bethlehem town  
"I" said the donkey shaggy and brown

And "I" said the cow all white and red  
I gave him my manger for a bed  
I gave him my hay for to pillow his head  
"I" said the cow all white and red

"I" said the sheep with a curly horn  
I have him my wool for his blanket warm  
And he wore my coat on that Christmas morn  
"I" said the sheep with a curly horn

"I" said the dove from the rafters high  
Cooed him to sleep that he should not cry  
We cooed him to sleep my love and I  
"I" said the dove from the rafters high

And "I" said the camel all yellow and black  
Over the desert upon my back  
I brought him a gift in the wise men's pack  
"I" said the camel all yellow and black

Thus every beast remembering it well  
In the stable dark was so proud to tell  
Of the gifts that they gave Emmanuel  
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