Long years ago, by the great door of the Temple in Jerusalem,
Just after the very first Christmas, it was as if -
An Angel stood watching, radiant with the light of heaven,
Waiting there for age'd Simeon and Anna coming to pray;
Watching for Mary and Joseph arriving from Bethlehem,
To present their newborn Son to God on that very day.

Now the Angel carried a Banner
like a shining cloud,
Emblazoned royal colours of rich purple,
red and gold,
With illuminated letters and writing
clear and bold;
Inscribed names of that newborn Child
only one month old,
Titles of His greatness and divinity
to expound.
Revealing all God's wondrous meaning to unfold.

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