

'Blessed be Your glorious Name,' cried the Angel worshipping

The Holy Child, exalted above all blessing and praise,
As that luminous Banner rolled up like a scroll,
And the Angel returned to heaven with wondering gaze.

THE DOOR

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.

My waiting is over,
Lord God, now let your servant depart
in peace,
Your praises now will never cease;
For my eyes have seen Your Salvation.
In my arms I have held Emmanuel,
A light for the Gentiles,
And the only Consolation of Israel,
He is the Prince of Peace to end all strife,
For this Child is the Way, the Truth and the Life.'



Then joyous Anna in her heart replied,
As she humbly knelt and cried,
'Now I see heaven opened for evermore,
To everyone who believes, be they young or old,
Are the sheep of His pasture,
The children of God, on entering His fold;
For this Babe, named Jesus today,
This Holy Child, the Lamb of God, is - **THE DOOR!**
Jesus, the Lamb of God is - **THE DOOR!**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that
whoever believes in Him shall not die but have everlasting life.
John 3: 16

Jesus said, 'I am the Door; anyone who enters in through Me will
be saved.'
John 10: 9

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.



'Read the Banner,' cried the Angel to Simeon entering first,
'Simeon! Read the writing, and do not be afraid,
Read aloud the coloured letters,' the Angel pointing with his
hand.
'Read the titles of God's Son by a human mother nursed,
Announce God's secret kept for ages and you will understand
The glory of the message on this Banner here displayed.'

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