Refrain

Nowell Syng We

1. In Beth'lem in that faire cite,
A child was born of a maiden free,
That shall a Lord and Prince be,
A solis ortus cardine.

2. Children were slain full great plenty,
Jesu, for the love of Thee,
Wherefore their souls saved be,
Hostis Herodes impie.

3. As the sun shineth through the glass,
So Jesu in His mother was,
Thee to serve now grant us grace,
O lux beata Trinitas.

4. Now God is come to honour us
Now of Mary is born Jesus,
Make we merry among us,
Exultet coelem laudibus.

- modern version by J.A. Fuller Maitland

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For Rex pacificus is come