The Friendly Beasts
12th Century English Carol

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1. Jesus our brother kind and good, was humbly born in a
2. "I" said the donkey shaggy and brown. "I" carried His mother
3. "I" said the cow, all white and red. I gave Him my manager
4. "I" said the sheep with the curly horn. I gave Him my wool for His
5. "I" said the dove from the rafters high. I cooed Him to sleep that
6. "I" said the camel, yellow and black. Over the desert
7. Thus every beast, by some good spell, In the stable dark was

stable rude, and the friendly beasts a round Him stood.
up-hill and down, I carried His mother to Bethlehem town.
for His bed, I gave Him my hay to pillow His head.
blanket warm. He wore my coat on Christmas morn.
He would not cry. We cooed Him to sleep, my mate and I.
up-on my back, I brought Him a gift in the Wise Men's pack.

7 glad to tell of the gift he gave Emanuel.

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"I" said the dove from the rafters high.
"I" said the camel yellow and black.
The gift he gave Emanuel,
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