

SO NEAR



"I've little to be thankful for,"
So spoke the keeper of the inn
Who turned the Savior from his door,
While taking lesser travelers in.

So Christmas came to shepherd men
And kings who journeyed from afar,
Because he would not keep it when
It came to him beneath the Star.

Behind the inn the Holiday
Bedazzled men both great and small.
He sadly sat not far away
In gloom, unmindful of it all.

-- Edmund E. Wells

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