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*I come, not with the blaring of trumpet,  
To herald the birth of a king;  
I come, not with traditional story,  
The life of a savior to sing;  
I come, not with jests for the silly,  
I come, not to worship the strong,  
But to question the powers that govern,  
To point out a world-old wrong.  
  
To kiss from the starved lips of childhood  
The lies that are sapping its breath,  
And brighten the brief cheerless valley  
That leads to the darkness of death;  
With reason and sympathy blended,  
And a hope that all mankind shall see,  
Untrammelled by Creed, Law or Custom—  
The attainable goal of the Free.*

