CHRISTMAS ALPHABET

A for the <u>angel</u>, so shining and bright, telling of Jesus that first Christmas night

B is for <u>Bethlehem</u>, crowded and old, the birthplace of Jesus by prophets foretold

C is for <u>cattle</u>, their manger his bed, their stable for shelter, God's star overhead

D for King <u>David</u> and His long ago throne that God promised for ever to Jesus alone

E is for <u>East</u>, where some men saw the star, and rode on their camels to follow it far

F is for <u>frankincense</u>, myrrh and fine gold that the wise men gave Jesus... in Matthew it's told

G is for <u>God</u>, who loves everyone, and sent us from heaven His very own Son

H is for <u>Herod</u>, whose murderous schemes were told to the wise men and Joseph in dreams

I for the infant, taken by night, with Mary and Joseph, and safe out of sight

J is for <u>Joseph</u>, so quiet and just, who obeyed all God's orders with absolute trust

K for the <u>King</u>, who is Lord over all, so we'll worship him now, giving thanks evermore

L is for <u>love</u>, brought him down to the earth, and made him for always our Saviour by birth

M is for <u>Mary</u>, his mother so brave, in believing God faithful and mighty to save

N for the <u>night</u> that was wondrous and still, when heaven proclaimed peace to all of goodwill

O is for <u>opening</u> our hearts to the Son, as we sing and rejoice, knowing victory is won

P is for <u>prophets</u>, who saw Jesus' story in visions of Bethlehem, Calvary and glory

Q tells how <u>quickly</u> the shepherds who heard, hastened to act on the heavenly word

R says <u>rejoice</u> with God's friends old and new... Mary, the shepherds, the wise men and YOU!

S means <u>salvation</u>, prepared by the Lord, in the Saviour whom Simeon and Anna adored

 \top says to spread the good <u>tidings</u> to all, and tell everyone of the Child in the stall

U stands for <u>us</u>, for to us God has given the Child born of Mary, the Son sent from heaven

V means the <u>Virgin</u>, from earliest ages spoken most clearly through prophecy's pages

W is for <u>wonderful</u>, that's the Lord's name, for with wonder and power and glory he came

X is for <u>Christ</u>, no more babe in a bed... He's our Saviour and Lord, just as Gabriel said

Y is for <u>yes</u>, our response to God's ways, for the 'yes' said by Mary filled her spirit with praise

Z is for <u>zeal</u>...that burned in God's Son till he died upon Calvary, his life's work all done