

What a Beginning!

Almighty,
Holy,
Transcendent God
entered His created world in
total helplessness and
deep shame.
He came as the apparently-illegitimate child of an unmarried peasant girl,
born as the lowest of the low
in a filthy stable,
with only a borrowed feeding trough for a cradle.
Poor shepherds and pagan foreigners
were the only invited guests.
Surely the whole idea seemed ridiculous to
those who for centuries had been anticipating the arrival of their
Glorious King and
Mighty Deliverer.

But those who know and love this
surprising, even shocking, God
find it entirely in character.
The Omnipotent Source of All is
endlessly creative and
stunningly, endearingly humble.
Such an entrance is exactly His style!
From the very beginning of His incarnation,
He was telling us about Himself
in delightfully vivid, even charming ways
that all could understand.
He wanted everyone to
know Him and
trust Him naturally, warmly, wholeheartedly.

This was only the beginning of His
astonishing self-revelation.
And O what a beginning it was!

Hymn: [The Birthday Party](#)