

THE FRIENDLY BEASTS (Lyrics with verse assignments)*

(ALL) VERSE 1: C major

Jesus our brother kind and good,
Was humbly born in a stable of wood.
And the friendly beasts around Him stood;
Jesus our brother kind and good.

(Marjorie) VERSE 2: C major

"I" said the donkey, shaggy and brown
"I carried His mother up hill and down;
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town."
"I" said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

(Lauren) VERSE 3: C major

"I" said the cow, all white and red,
"I" gave Him my manger for a bed;
I gave Him my hay to pillow His head."
"I" said the cow, all white and red.

(Dana) VERSE 4: D major

"I" said the sheep with curly horn,
"I gave Him my wool for a blanket warm;
He wore my coat on that Christmas morn."
"I" said the sheep with the curly horn.

(Alicia) VERSE 5: D major

"I" said the dove from the rafters high,
"I cooed Him to sleep that He should not cry;
We cooed Him to sleep, my love and I."
"I" said the dove from the rafters high.

~~VERSE 6: E major~~

~~"I" Said the camel, yellow and black,
"Over the desert, upon my back,
I brought Him a gift in the wise men's pack."
"I" said the camel, yellow and black.~~

(ALL) VERSE 7: E major

And thus every beast rememb'ring it well,
In the stable dark was so glad to tell,
Of the gifts that they gave Emmanuel,
The gifts that they gave Emmanuel.