

# Fear Not

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There's nothing like a newborn babe  
to turn our hearts to thoughts most pure  
For even those weighed down with sin  
when near a child, seem clean once more.  
But not King Herod; in his rage  
he could not see his blessed fate.  
Instead, his heart was filled with fear;  
how swiftly did it turn to hate!  
"This child's a threat! A newborn king?  
Yet I'm the one who governs here!  
I will not yield my throne or pow'r!  
He's got to die! That's amply clear!  
I'll snuff him out, I'll kill him now  
before he plots his strategy  
to snatch my kingdom from my grasp  
or challenge my authority!"  
Fear not! blind king; you've got it wrong!  
That's not the meaning of His birth!  
He has not come to steal your throne.  
Instead, He will bring peace to earth.  
If you'd just take the time to ask  
then you would quickly learn that He  
was born to rule within your heart  
and give you peace eternally.  
He wants you just to trust in Him  
and you will share his mighty pow'r.  
He'll lift you when your hope has fled;  
You'll find His peace at every hour.  
But no, you do not seek, and so  
you give in to ungrounded fear  
and thus destroy what you need most:  
the One who'll love you, hold you dear.  
Instead of fearing, learn to trust  
the joyful news: that He loves you;  
that when you do His holy will  
you'll find a peace you never knew.  
See how the wise men trail His star  
and worship Him on bended knee.  
Open your heart and feel His love  
and like the Magi, wise you'll be!

And now, dear soul, what do you feel  
when thoughts of Christ come to your mind?  
Is He for you your heart's desire,  
the greatest joy you'll ever find?  
Or do you see Him as a threat,  
as one whose law will wreck your life;  
who wants to crush what you hold dear  
and fill you days with endless strife?  
If that's the case, then maybe we  
have lost sight of what matters more.  
Perhaps we're holding in our hearts  
too many things that are not pure.  
When God, who is all goodness, seems  
a threat which causes great distress,  
We might be clinging onto things  
that cannot bring true happiness.  
For God is not our enemy;  
He has not come to kill our joy.  
Instead, He's come to help us live;  
it's sin that He came to destroy.  
No sin or pleasure bound to earth  
can ever bring the joy we'll know  
when Christ fills us with His true peace.  
That's what our Lord was born to show!  
For truly wise men seek Him still;  
they know that He is pure delight!  
They know His way, though sometimes rough,  
is the only way that's truly right.  
And so, good soul, receive your Lord!  
Let earthly cares and pleasures cease!  
Embrace His law, accept His will,  
and let Him fill your soul with peace.  
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