

Greatest of all

(Alan Humm)

The designated watchman gazed around among the sheep
While other shepherds, tired from work were drifting off to sleep
The night was calm, and calm was good, no predators no thieves
When suddenly the darkness fled; a messenger appeared
More bright than bright, the others woke, and all heard him proclaim:
“In Bethlehem there you will find the long expected greatest
shepherd king”

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Greatest of all, greatest of all.

Greatest love

Greatest news

Greatest truth

Greatest king/Wisest one/Holy one

When he came he was the greatest news of all.

When he came he was the greatest gift of all

/ (last time:) But, you were born to give the greatest gift of all

To watch the stars for hours on end is apt to make you blind
But the minute you drift off you'll sleep through some celestial sign
One night a new apprentice saw a wonder in the sky
A brand-new star that seemed to move—he'd never seen the like
He ran to tell his masters of the portent that he saw
They followed it at once to show them where they'd find the wisest
one of all

{ refrain }

The parents took the baby as commanded from of old

To (the) temple, there to offer what the law said that they owed
An old man there then approached, and asking for their child to hold
(said)

“Let this be the final vision I take with me when I go,
Your salvation here before me—all your promises performed
Glory shown to every people. True revealer, true redeemer, Holy
one!

{ refrain }