

# The Friendly Beasts (1st)

F C7 F

1. Je - sus, our broth - er, strong and good, Was  
 2. "I," said the don - key, shag - gy and brown, "I  
 3. "I," said the cow, all white and red, "I  
 4. "I," said the sheep with cur - ly horn, "I  
 5. "I," said the dove, from the raf - ters high, "I  
 6. Thus all the beasts, by some good spell, in the

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hum - bly born in a sta - ble rude, And the  
 car - ried his mo - ther up - hill and down, I  
 gave him my man - ger for his bed, I  
 gave him my wool - for his blan - ket warm, He  
 cooed him to sleep that he should not cry, We  
 sta - ble dark were glad to tell, Of the

9 Bb C7 Dm

friend - ly beasts a - round him stood,  
 car - ried his mo - ther to Beth - le - hem town,  
 gave — him hay to pil - low his head,  
 wore — my coat on Christ - mas morn,  
 cooed him to sleep, my mate — and I;  
 gifts — they gave Em - man - u - el,

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*Some of the many additional verses  
which have been added to this carol by  
unknown authors:*

“I,” said the dog with muzzle white,  
“I guarded the child through darkest night,  
“I watched o’er him till morning light,  
“I,” said the dog with muzzle white.

“I,” said the cat with warm gray fur,  
“I sang him to sleep with my soft purr,  
“I sang to him so he would not stir,  
“I,” said the cat with warm gray fur.

“I,” said the camel, traveler bold,  
“I followed the star that was foretold,  
“I brought him gifts of spices and gold,  
“I,” said the camel, traveler bold.

“I,” said the mouse, “the poorest of you,  
“I offered to him my love most true,  
“This was the greatest gift that he knew,  
“I,” said the mouse, “the poorest of you.”