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THREE KINGS CAME RIDING.

An interesting group of Catholic songs or hymns appears in a volume entitled "Amphora" (Burns and Oates). From among them one of the hymns may be quoted on "The Feast of the Nativity":

The Virgin lies at Bethlehem.
(Bring gold and frankincense and myrrh!)
The root of David shoots a stem,
(O Holy Spirit shadow Her!)

She lies alone amid the kine.
(Bring gold and frankincense and myrrh!)
The straw is fragrant as with wine.
(O Holy Spirit shadow Her!)

There are three kings upon the road.
(Bring gold and frankincense and myrrh!)
She hath thrice blest the Trinity.
(O Holy Spirit shadow Her!)

There stands her star above the sky.
(Bring gold and frankincense and myrrh!)
She hath thrice blest the Trinity
(O Holy Spirit shadow Her!)

Her joyful ardour hath sufficed.
(Bring gold and frankincense and myrrh!)
She is delivered of the Christ.
(The angels come to worship Her!)