

## Sufjan Stevens

# "The Friendly Beasts"

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Jesus our brother, strong and good  
Was humbly born in a stable rude  
And the friendly beasts around Him stood  
Jesus our brother, strong and good

"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown  
"I carried His mother up hill and down  
I carried His mother to Bethlehem town?  
"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown

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

"I," said the sheep with curly horn  
"I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm  
He wore my coat on Christmas morn'?  
"I," said the sheep with curly horn

"I," said the dove from rafters high  
"I cooed Him to sleep so He would not cry  
We cooed Him to sleep, my mate and I"  
"I," said the dove from rafters high

Thus every beast by some good spell  
In the stable dark was glad to tell  
Of the gifts he gave Emmanuel  
Of the gifts he gave Emmanuel

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