

Mary & Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple (Luke 2:22-40)

First, let me introduce myself :
My name is Dr. Luke.
I like things to be nice and clear –
That's why I wrote my book!
To make sure every detail's right,
I spoke to Jesus' friends,
I wrote down everything they said,
From the beginning to the end.

In Jerusalem lived Simeon;
A faithful man and old.
He'd waited all his life to see
The Holy One foretold.
He heard the Spirit say to him,
*"Now, Simeon, God's old friend –
I've got good news for you today –
Your long wait's at an end!
The Holy One you longed to see –
He's coming here today!
Be at the Temple in half an hour!
Hurry! Be on your way!"*

Simeon grabbed his walking stick;
He had no time to wait;
And soon was hobbling up the steps
Towards the Temple Gate.
Just then, the family arrived –
Direct from Bethlehem;
The old man waited by the gate
To greet and welcome them.

He took the baby in his arms,
And gazed into his face;
He thanked and praised Almighty
God for Jesus' love and grace.

*"This child will be the Saviour,
And show God's light to all –
I will die happy, now I know
God's heard my lifetime's call.*

*God bless you all, but, Mary dear,
there's something I must say,
He will bring joy to those who trust,
But opposition's on the way–
Men's deepest thoughts and motives
the Messiah will reveal –
And you'll know grief and sorrow;
It's a truth I can't conceal."*

There was an ancient Prophetess;
Anna was her name -
In the Temple day and night she
prayed;
Now, up to them she came.
When she saw Jesus, she began
To speak to all in town,
Of the baby born in Bethlehem
Whose head would bear the crown.

Simeon and Anna's wait was o'er;
It had been hard and long,
Their words of praise and prophecy
Echoed the angels' song:

***"The Saviour has been born – it's
true!
This little baby's birth,
Brings joy and hope and love from
God – yet tests each person's worth.
The prophecies have been fulfilled:
We cannot halt what God has willed
His Kingdom in the world He'll build:
God's glory's here on earth!"***