

Here in the Dryness and Dust of Our Climate

A Christmas Hymn for the Southern Hemisphere

1. Here in the dry-ness and dust of our cli-mate, snow is re-mote as the
2. Ma - ry and Jo-seph stand stunned and dis - a - bled, won-der what shel-ter they'll
3. Warm is the straw on the floor of the sta - ble, soft is the sun as it
4. Love is in - car-nate, the source of all be - ing cra-dled by Ma-ry, yes,

tale we re - peat. Bar - ren the ground in the heat of the
find for the night. Here in the col - or and warmth of the
fil - ters through trees. Now it is Christ-mas, we wel-come the
born on this earth; look - ing, she loves him, though strained and ex -

out - back; bar - ren the wel-come: they wait on the street.
sun - shine we can i - mag - ine the fear of their plight.
Christ-child; all of cre - a - tion is brought to its knees.
haust - ed, know - ing her child is of in - fi - nite worth.

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