

## WHEN THE SUN HUNG LOW

In a cold stable, a couple, tired from  
Their journey, lay down beside animals.  
It was the night before the Saturna-  
lian Feast Rome celebrated to mark  
the Winter Solstice - the shortest day - when  
the sun hung low and men emulated  
the God Saturn (the Sower) by lighting  
windows in their homes and scattering seeds.

But in 4 BC the stable was dark.  
Only in the corners candles flickered.  
There would be no honky-tonk, no dancing,  
no ginger snaps, honey buns nor front doors  
decorated with deep red-berried wreaths.  
THIS Solstice would be marked by a newborn  
Child on whom Orient Kings and shepherds  
would gaze in wonder, wide-eyed and speechless.

Later the Emperor Constantine would

Call it - The Nativity of Christ.