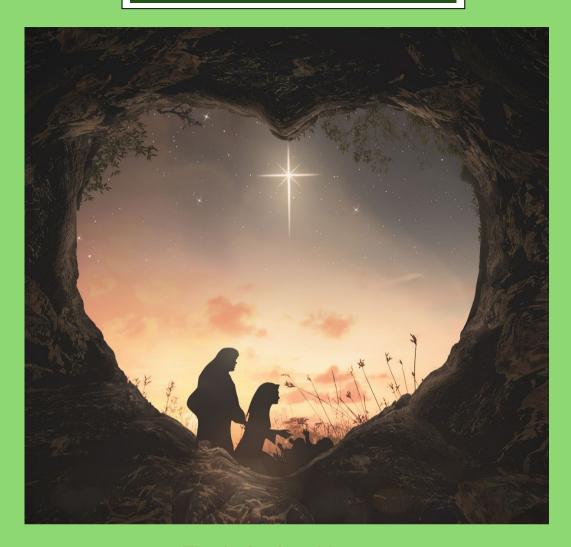
The Mystery's Wonder by Fr Mark Skelton



The infant breathes and draws in air witnessed by cattle, straw and shed.
Its mother, tired and drained of strength, enfolds the child, cradles its head.

This powerless child, this babe who could not live one hour without her grace, will flourish through the gentle love, reflected in this mother's face.

Yet can you see, within this child, the Word who spoke and worlds became? The Power who moulded land and sea; who sang the Universe its Name?

This is the mystery of God, the wonder that this moment shows. The king who puts His strength aside; trusts us with life, His Life bestows.

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