

From the East the Donkey Came Orientis Partibus

D A D D G D

1. From the East the don -key came, Stout and strong as twen - ty men;
 2. Fast - er than the deer he leapt; With his bur - den on his back;

O - ri - en - tis par - ti - bus ad - ven - ta - vit a - si - nus,

3. Still he draws his heav - y load, Fed on bar - ley and rough hay;
 4. Drape him with a cloth of gold; All re - joice who see him pass;

(D) G A D A D

Ears like wings and eyes like flame, Strid -ing in - to Beth -le -hem.
 Though all oth - er crea -tures slept, Still the don -key kept his track.

pul - cher et for - tis - si - mus, Sar - ci - nis ap - tis - si - mus.

Pull - ing on a - long the road, Don -key, pull our cares a -way!
 Mirth in - hab - it young and old On this feast day of the ass.

(D) A D

Hail, O Don -key! Hail!
Hez, A - si - nus, Hez!

Feast days: Mary, Joseph, Wise Men,
 ---> The Feast Day of the Donkey

A lot of pomp. All tongue in cheek.

An early version of The Friendly Beasts ("I," said the donkey... "I," said the sheep...)

The original song was in Latin. I'll sing one verse of that.

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