

Orientis Partibus

Attr. Pierre de Corbeil (d. 1222)

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1. From the East the don - key came, strong and beau - ti - ful and tame,
2. Fast - er than the fo - rest deer, warm - er than the sheep we shear,
3. He from hills of Sy - chen cast, through the land of Ru - ben passed,
4. Though the pas - sen - gers are gruff, though the cart is full of stuff,
5. With his bar - ley and his corn, he eats thi - stles; he eats thorns;
6. Don - key, now I say, "A men." We're con - tent with grass and glen.



on his stout and stur - dy frame — car - ry - ing a worth - y name.
he will go where ca - mels fear, — for the don - key has no peer.
cross - ing Jor - dan Ri - ver fast, — came to Beth - le - hem at last.
though his food is cheap and rough, — he is pa - tient; he is tough.
wheat and chaff to - ge - ther torn — from the load his back has borne.
Oh, a - men, a - men a - gain. — Now is now, and then was then!



Hey, hey, Sir Don - key, hey!