

TINY BRAND-NEW BABIES

Tiny Baby Jesus,
Nursed at Mary's breast,
Tiny helpless Infant,
Born as all the rest,
Born to be a Brother
To the human race:
Tiny awesome Author
Of God's saving grace!

Tiny newborn Christian,
Born through Jesus' name,
Won when hearing Good News
That the Savior came,
Born to join a growing
Family of love,
Destined for a future
With the Lord above.

Tiny hopeful infant,
Called "New Year" by most,
Greets his worn-out brother
Passing like a ghost,
Hopes to use his candle
Better as it burns
Than his predecessors
In their short sojourns.

Tiny brand-new babies!
Give your heart and soul
To the message in them
For your journey's goal.
Pour the Savior's purpose
Into your new year:
Tell the Gospel story
Unborn babes should hear!

—David L. Hatton, 12/3/1998