



**Celebrating that Christ is all and in all by seeking, inviting, belonging,
serving and reverencing God's creation**

Jesus, Our Brother

As we prepare for Christmas, many of us enjoy favorite carols and songs of the season. I grew up listening to Burl Ives' version of "The Friendly Beasts," a song believed to have originated in 12th century France, also known as "The Gifts of the Animals." Reading the animal stories in *All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings*, I find this song especially meaningful. Gifts from creatures to the Creator, known and beloved by them at His birth on Earth, "the gifts they gave Emmanuel."

Enjoy this version, presented by children, singing to the animals of the story. *Susan Williams*

<https://youtu.be/fWWIBtVq6I>



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