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Little One, We Knew You'd Come

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Lloyd-Jones, Sally. *Little One, We Knew You'd Come*. Illustrated by Jackie Morris. Little, Brown, 2006. ISBN 0316523917. \$16.99. 40 p.

Reviewer: Marsha D. Broadway

Reading Level: Toddler, Preschool, Primary

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Christmas poetry;

Subject: Jesus Christ--Nativity--Juvenile poetry; Books--Reviews;

The sweet anticipation of the birth of the Christ Child by Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, and wise men is captured in gentle verse:

People were sleeping. We didn't care.
Good news, we sang, our baby is here!
Our baby has come, our darling one. . .

Deft illustrations, done in watercolor and gold leaf, have an ethereal renaissance-like quality. Many are adorned or bordered with stars, flowers, butterflies, and feathers. The illustrator captures the tender joy of new life and the promise of a Messiah. Use this book to welcome a new baby into the family or to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.