

Away in a manger

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Words: see end note

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A

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B

Keyboard

1. A---
2. The

way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit- tle Lord
cat- tle are low- ing, the Ba- by a- wakes, But- lit- tle Lord

Je- sus, laid down his sweet head; The stars in the bright sky looked
Je- sus, no cry- ing he makes. I love thee, Lord Je- sus! look

D.S. v. 2

down where He lay, The lit- tle Lord Je- sus, a- sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky, And stay by my cra- dle till morn- ing is nigh.

D.S. v. 2

Verse 3 treble solo first part

3. Be near me, Lord Je--sus, I ask Thee to stay Close by me for
 Choir

hum pp

Keyboard/celesta etc optional

pp

The musical score is arranged in four systems. Each system contains a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "e-- ver, and love me, I pray; Bless all the dear chil-- dren in Thy ten---der care, And take us to hea-- ven to live with Thee there." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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Performance note: the keyboard should ideally be electronic, and set to music box, celesta, or similar instrument.

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