

# Cradled in a manger

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Pleading Saviour  
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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. A measure number '5' is placed above the fifth measure of the treble staff.

The second system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. A measure number '10' is placed above the tenth measure of the treble staff.

The third system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. A measure number '15' is placed above the fifteenth measure of the treble staff.

**Cradled in a manger, meanly,  
Laid the Son of Man His head;  
Sleeping His first earthly slumber  
Where the oxen had been fed.  
Happy were those shepherds listening  
To the holy angel's word;  
Happy they within that stable  
Worshipping their infant Lord.**

**Evil things are there before Thee;  
In the heart, where they have fed,  
Wilt Thou pitifully enter,  
Son of Man, and lay Thy head?  
Enter, then, O Christ most holy;  
Make a Christmas in my heart;  
Make a heaven of my manger:  
It is heaven where Thou art.**

**Happy all who hear the message  
Of His coming from above;  
Happier still who hail His coming,  
And with praises greet His love.  
Blessèd Savior, Christ most holy,  
In a manger Thou didst rest;  
Canst Thou stoop again, yet lower,  
And abide within my breast?**

**And to those who never listened  
To the message of Thy birth,  
Who have winter, but no Christmas  
Bringing them Thy peace on earth,  
Send to these the joyful tidings;  
By all people, in each home,  
Be there heard the Christmas anthem;  
Praise to God, the Christ has come!**

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