

Away in a Manger

Cradle Song
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W.J. Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system (measures 1-6) has chords: C, F, Fmaj7, F, Fsus4, F, D, Gmin, Dsus4, Gmin7, C. The second system (measures 7-12) has chords: F, Dmin7, G, G7, C7, F, Fmaj7, F, F7, D. The third system (measures 13-18) has chords: Gmin, Dsus4, Gmin7, C, F, Fmaj7, Gmin, C7, F. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there.

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