

Away in a manger

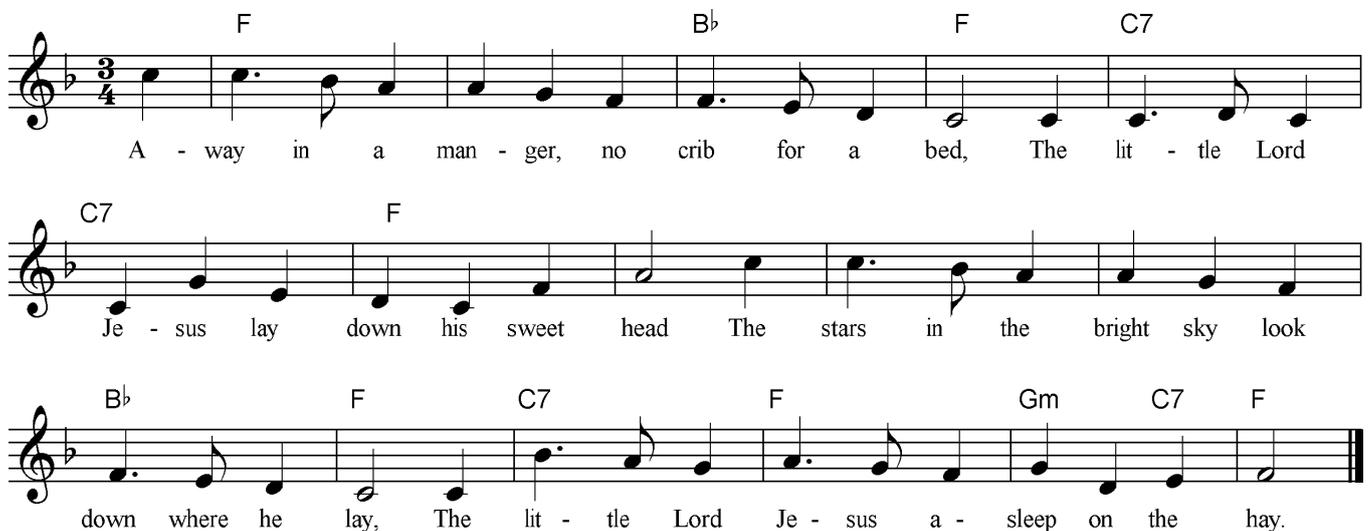


I first heard this version at a Christmas concert by Maddy Prior and the Carnival Band in Oxford many years ago and was thoroughly enchanted.

The words of the carol come from a poem which was mistakenly attributed to Martin Luther and its tune from a melody composed by James Ramsey Murray in 1887.

Murray's tune is often known as 'Mueller' and is the more commonly heard setting of 'Away in a Manger' in the United States and predates William J. Kirkpatrick's tune written in 1895. Kirkpatrick's tune is sometimes referred to as 'Cradle Song' and is the one most usually recognised in the UK. For more info

visit: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Away_in_a_Manger



A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord
Je - sus lay down his sweet head The stars in the bright sky look
down where he lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.

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

The cattle are lowing the poor baby wakes,
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.