

# The Huron carol



A Canadian Christmas hymn based on a French folk song with original lyrics written by St John de Brebeuf, written probably in 1642. It was also called 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime, Jesous Ahatonhia, Jesus is Born, and Noël Huron.

It is often considered to be the first Canadian Christmas carol.

Accompany the rhythm with a drum beaten softly.

'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time when all the birds had fled, That  
might - y Git - chi Man - i - tou sent an - gel choirs in - stead. Be - fore their light the  
stars grew dim, and won - d'ring hun - ters heard the hymn: — Je - sus, your  
king is born; Je - sus is born! In ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a!

Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled,  
That mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead.  
Before their light the stars grew dim, and wond'ring hunters heard the  
hymn:

Chorus: Jesus, your King is born! Jesus is born!  
In excelsis gloria!

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender Babe was found  
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped His beauty round  
And as the hunter braves drew nigh the angel song rang loud and high:  
Jesus, your King is born! ...

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair  
As was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.  
The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.  
Jesus, your King is born! ...

Ye children of the forest free, ye sons of Manitou,  
The Holy child of earth and heav'n is born today for you.  
Come kneel before the radiant Boy who brings you beauty, peace and  
joy: Jesus, your King is born! ...