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# AWAY IN A MANGER

## CRADLE SONG

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Words

Verses 1 and 2 Anonymous  
Verse 3 John Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Farland

Music arranged by

R. Mather

SATB and accompaniment

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Cradle Song  
American (Philadelphia 1885)

Melody W.J. Kirkpatrick arranged by R. Mather. 1986

1. A - way in a man-ger no crib for a

The first system of the score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The piano accompaniment begins with a bass clef and the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics '1. A - way in a man-ger no crib for a' are positioned below the vocal line.

9 bed, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet

The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line starts at measure 9. The lyrics 'bed, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet' are positioned below the vocal line.

13 head. The stars in the bright sky look down where he

The third system continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line starts at measure 13. The lyrics 'head. The stars in the bright sky look down where he' are positioned below the vocal line.

17 lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay. 2. The cat-tle are

The fourth system continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line starts at measure 17. The lyrics 'lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay. 2. The cat-tle are' are positioned below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord in the right hand and a sustained bass note in the left hand.

24

low - ing the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no

29

cry - ing he makes; I love thee Lord Je - sus look down from the

34

sky and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.

39

*Optional humming or other quiet vowel sound.*

3. Be near me Lord Je - sus I ask thee to stay close

*Optional humming or other quiet vowel sound.*

43

by me for ev - er and love me I pray. Bless

47

all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, and

51

fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

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arranged by R. Mather.

1. A - way in a man-ger no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord  
2. The cat - tle are\_ low - ing the\_ ba - by a - wakes, but\_ lit - tle Lord  
3. Be near me Lord Je - sus; I\_\_\_ ask thee to stay close by me for

6

Je - sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky look  
Je - sus no\_ cry - ing he makes. I love thee Lord Je - sus look  
ev - er, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in\_

11

down where he lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky, And stay by my side un - till\_ morn - ing is nigh.  
thy ten - der care, And fit us for hea - ven to\_ live with thee there.

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