

Away in a Manger

Cradle Song
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W.J. Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff starts with a C major chord followed by an F major chord, then a F major 7th chord (Fmaj79). The middle staff begins at measure 7 with an F major chord, followed by D minor 7th (Dmin7), G major (G), G7, C7, F major (F), F major 7th (Fmaj79), F major (F), F7, and D major (D). The bottom staff starts at measure 13 with G minor (Gmin), D sus 4, G minor 7th (Gmin7), C major (C), F major (F), F major 7th (Fmaj7), G minor (Gmin), C7, and ends with an F major chord.

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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