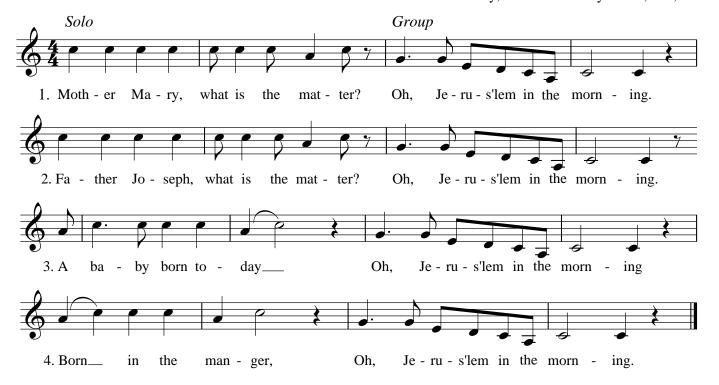
Baby Born Today

Informant/ Performer: Mary Mann Darien, GA, 1926 Source: Seeger, Ruth Crawford American Folk Songs for Christmas Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday & Co., Inc., 1953



- 5. They wrapped him in swaddling clothes, Oh, Jerus'lem in the morning.
- 6. Stall was His cradle...
- 7. Born in Bethlehem...
- 8. Born in the manger...
- 9. Jerus'lem, Oh, Jerus'lem...
- 10. Baby born today...

Background Information

This is an old traditional "shout" sung during Christmas Eve Watch Night service. A singer begins a line, the group joins in on the refrain, another line is begun -- and the song continues a long time. New lines are improvised at will, and old and new are returned to again and again in no prescribed order.