

O Mary, Where Is Your Baby?

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Read in the gos - pel of Math - a - yew, The gos - pel of Luke and John,
Read in the gos - pel and learn the news How the li'l boy child was born.
Read a - bout Ma - ry and Jo - seph come A - rid - ing on a don - key from far;
Slept in a sta - ble of Beth - le - hem, Where the shep - herds all seen the star.
O _____ Ma - ry, Where is your ba - by?
They done took him from a man - ger And carried him to the throne.

2. Read about the elders and the Hebrew priest
A-preaching in the tabernacle hall,
Standing in a wonder at the words they heard
From a li'l boy child so small.
O li'l boy how old you is?
Tell it if you let it be told,
O li'l boy, how old you is?
I ain't but twelve years old.