

Poor Li'l Jesus

Informant/ Performer:
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Poor li'l Jes - us, Hail Lord, Child of Ma - ry Hail Lord, Born in a sta - ble Hail Lord,
Ain't that a pi - ty and a shame._____

2. Poor li'l Je - sus, Hail Lord, Took him from a man - ger, Hail Lord,
Took him from his Mo - ther, Hail Lord, Ain't that a pi - ty and a shame._____

3. Poor li'l Jesus, Hail Lord,
They gave him to the Hebrew, Hail Lord,
They spit on his garment, Hail Lord,
Ain't that a pity and a shame.

4. Poor li'l Jesus, Hail Lord,
They bound him with a halter, Hail Lord,
Whipped him up the mountain, Hail Lord,
Ain't that a pity and a shame.

5. Poor li'l Jesus, Hail Lord,
They nailed him to the cross, hail Lord,
They hung him with the robber, Hail Lord,
Ain't that a pity and a shame.

6. Poor li'l Jesus, Hail Lord,
Risen from the darkness, Hail Lord,
Ascended into glory, hail Lord,
Ain't that a pity and a shame.

7. Poor li'l Jesus, Hail Lord,
Meet me in the kingdom, Hail Lord,
Lead me to the Father, Hail Lord,
Ain't that a pity and a shame.