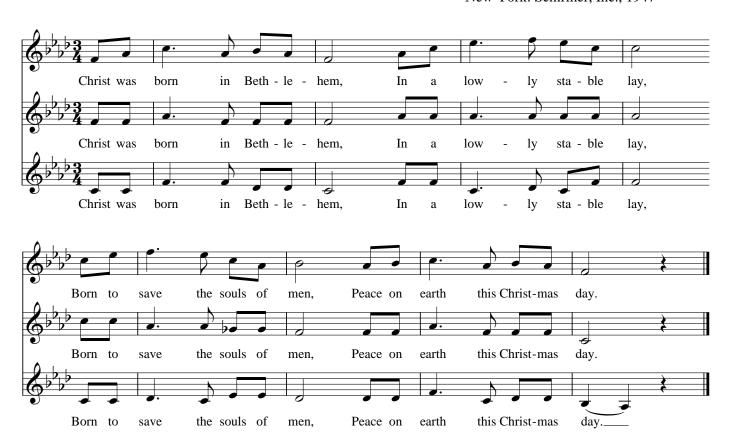
## Christ Was Born

Informant/Performer: Ruth Brown Mountain Lake Park, WV Source: Maurice Matteson American Folk-Songs for Young Singers New York: Schirmer, Inc., 1947



2. Son of Mary, Lord is He, Christ was born in Bethlehem. Son of Mary, Lord is He, Come to save us all from sin.

## **Background Information**

This is a type of "white spiritual", as Dr. George Pullen Jackson of Nashville, Tenn., calls the sacred folk-song. There are many of these beautiful melodies sung in the rural and mountain sections of our country. I have called this one a carol but some may prefer to call it a white spiritual. It is widely sung in West Virginia and was performed for me at Mountain Lake Park by Miss Ruth Brown. The minor mode enhances the beauty of the tune.