**Mary’s Boy Child**

C115 C

**Author: Jester Hairston (1956); Recorded by** [**Harry Belefonte**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkq4AlQyIkA) **(1956)**

**Intro C F Dm C G C (last 2 lines of 1st verse)**

 **C F Dm**

1. Long time ago in Bethle-hem

 **G C**

So the Holy Bible say,

 **F Dm**

Mary’s boy-child, Jesus Christ

 **C G C**

Was born on Christmas Day.

**Chorus**

 **F G C**

Hark now! Hear the angels sing,

 **Am Dm G**

A king was born to-day,

 **C F Dm**

And man will live for-ever more

 **C G C**

Be-cause of Christmas day.

 **C F Dm**

2. While shepherds watch their flocks by night,

 **G C**

They see a bright new shining star,

 **F Dm**

They hear a choir sing a song,

 **C G C**

The music seemed to come from a-far. **Chorus**

 **C F Dm**

3. Now Joseph and his wife Mary

 **G C**

Came to Bethlehem that night,

 **F Dm**

They found no place to bear the child

 **C G C**

Not a single room was in sight. **Chorus**

 **C F Dm**

4. By and by they found a little nook

 **G C**

In a stable all for-lorn

 **F Dm**

And in a manger cold and dark,

 **C G C**

Mary’s little boy was born. **Chorus**

 **F G C**

5. Trumpets sound and angels sing,

**Am Dm G**

Listen to what they say,

 **C F Dm**

That man will live for-ever more

**C G C**

Because of Christmas day. **Chorus (2x)**

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