

Mary's Boy Child

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

1. Long time ago in Bethle-hem
 So the Holy Bible say,
 Mary's boy-child, Jesus Christ
 was born on Christmas Day.

Chorus

Hark now! Hear the angels sing,
 A king was born to-day,
 And man will live for-ever more
 Be-cause of Christmas day.

2. While shepherds watch their flocks by night,
 They see a bright new shining star,
 They hear a choir sing a song,
 The music seemed to come from a-far. **Chorus**

3. Now Joseph and his wife Mary
 Came to Bethlehem that night,
 They found no place to bear the child
 Not a single room was in sight. **Chorus**

4. By and by they found a little nook
 In a stable all for-lorn
 And in a manger cold and dark,
 Mary's little boy was born. **Chorus**

5. Trumpets sound and angels sing,
 Listen to what they say,
 That man will live for-ever more
 Because of Christmas day. **Chorus (2x)**

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