

The Nativity Song

Tenderly ♩ = 100-108

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment consists of two systems of staves. The first system has four measures with chords Am, Bm, Am, and D7. The second system has four measures with chords G, D7, C, and G. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5. The vocal melody is on a single staff with lyrics below it. The lyrics are:

1. This is the sea - son be - loved of the year.
2. This is the new star, shin - ing so bright,
3. This is the sta - ble, shel - ter so bare;

C G A7 D7

Sing a rhyme; Christ - mas - time soon will be here.
 Light - ing the world on that first Christ - mas night.
 Cat - tle and ox - en first wel - comed him there.

G D7 B7 Em

Tell the true sto - ry of Je - sus' birth,
 This is the an - gel pro - claim - ing the birth,
 This is the man - ger, sweet hay for a bed,

C G Am D7 G

When, as a ba - by, he came to the earth.
 Sing - ing "Ho - san - na!" and "Peace on the earth!"
 Wait - ing for Je - sus to cra - dle his head.

4. These are the shepherds, humble and mild,
 Hast'ning to worship the heavenly child.
 These are the wise men who followed the star,
 Frankincense, gold, and myrrh brought from afar.

5. See the sweet mother, Mary so fair,
 Joseph, who guided the donkey with care.
 See the dear baby of Bethlehem,
 Little Lord Jesus, the Savior of men.

Luke 2:1-16
 Matthew 2:1-11

Pictures or figures for each verse may be put in place during the four-measure introduction.

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