

Away in a manger

Cradle Song
American (Philadelphia 1885)

Melody by William James Kirkpatrick
arranged by R. Mather.

1. A - way in a man - ger no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low - ing the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3. Be near me Lord, Je - sus; I ask thee to stay close by me for

Je - sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky look
Je - sus no cry - ing he makes. I love thee Lord. Je - sus look
ev - er, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky, And stay by my side un - till morn - ing is nigh.
thy ten - der care, And fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Verses 1 & 2, are anonymous from the Little Children's Book for Schools and Families, by J. C. File (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Evangelical Lutheran Church in No America, 1885). Some sources consider the author as Martin Luther (probably incorrectly); this is based on the title "Luther's Cradle Hymn," given to these words by composer, James Murray. Verse 3 is by John Thomas McFarland (1851-1913).