

Cradled in a manger, meanly

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/4. The music features a melody in the upper staff and a supporting bass line in the lower staff, primarily using chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It begins with a measure number '5' at the start of the upper staff. The notation follows the same two-staff format as the first system, with a treble clef upper staff and a bass clef lower staff.

The third system of musical notation continues the piece. It begins with a measure number '9' at the start of the upper staff. The notation follows the same two-staff format as the previous systems.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. It begins with a measure number '13' at the start of the upper staff. The notation follows the same two-staff format as the previous systems.

**Cradled in a manger, meanly,
Laid the Son of Man His head;
Sleeping His first earthly slumber
Where the oxen had been fed.
Happy were those shepherds listening
To the holy angel's word;
Happy they within that stable
Worshipping their infant Lord.**

**Evil things are there before Thee;
In the heart, where they have fed,
Wilt Thou pitifully enter,
Son of Man, and lay Thy head?
Enter, then, O Christ most holy;
Make a Christmas in my heart;
Make a heaven of my manger:
It is heaven where Thou art.**

**Happy all who hear the message
Of His coming from above;
Happier still who hail His coming,
And with praises greet His love.
Blessèd Savior, Christ most holy,
In a manger Thou didst rest;
Canst Thou stoop again, yet lower,
And abide within my breast?**

**And to those who never listened
To the message of Thy birth,
Who have winter, but no Christmas
Bringing them Thy peace on earth,
Send to these the joyful tidings;
By all people, in each home,
Be there heard the Christmas anthem;
Praise to God, the Christ has come!**

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