

# The Holy Child

Text: "*Joseph lieber, Joseph mine*" — trad. German 15<sup>th</sup> century, trans. Adrienne Tindall

"What child is this?" — Wm. Chatterton Dix

"Away in a manger" — *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families* (1885)

Music: arr. Austin C. Lovelace

*Joseph, lieber, Joseph mine,*  
help me rock the child divine!  
God's rewarding will be thine in heaven,  
For the Son of Virgin Mary.



He comes to us this very day, this very day in Israel.  
Mary heard the news proclaimed by Gabriel.  
*Eia, eia,* Jesus Christ is born to us of Mary.

What child is this who, laid to rest  
on Mary's lap, is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.  
The stars in the heavens looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

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