

# This Endris Night

Traditional 15th. Century Carol

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*This en - dris night I saw a sight, A star as bright as day, And*

1. A love - ly la - dy sat and sang, And to her child did say, "My  
2. "My sweet - est bird, 'tis thus re - quired, Though I be King ve - ray, But  
3. The Child then spoke in his talk - ing, And ti his mo - ther did say, "Yea,  
4. "For an - gels bright down on me light; Thou know - est 'tis no nay. And

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*e'er a - mong, a maid - en sung, Lul - ly, bye, bye, lul - lay.*

1. Son, my Bro - ther, Fa - ther dear, Why li - est thou in hay?"  
2. ne'er - the - less I will not cease To sing, Bye, bye, lul - lay."  
3. I am known as hea - ven King, In crib though be I laid.  
4. for that sight thou may de - light To sing, Bye, bye, lul - lay."

5. "Now, sweet son, since thou art a king,  
Why art thou laid in stall?  
Why dost not order thy bedding  
In some great kinges hall?
6. "Methinks 'tis right that king or knight  
Should lie in good array.  
And then among, it were no wrong  
To sing 'Bye bye, lullay."
7. "Mary mother, I am thy Child,  
Though I be laid in stall;  
For lords and dukes shall worship Me,  
And so shall kinges all.
8. "Ye shall well see that kinges three  
Shall come on this twelfth day.  
For this behest give Me thy breast  
And sing, By by, lullay."
9. "Now tell, sweet Son, I Thee do pray,  
Thou art my Love and Dear—  
How should I keep Thee to Thy pay<sup>6</sup>,  
And make Thee glad of cheer?
10. "For all Thy will I would fulfill—  
Thou knowest well, in fay<sup>7</sup>;  
And for all this I will Thee kiss,  
And sing, By by, lullay."
11. "My dear mother, when time it be,  
Take thou Me up on loft,  
And set Me then upon thy knee,  
And handle me full soft.
12. "And in thy arm thou hold Me warm,  
And keep Me night and day,  
And if I weep, and may not sleep,  
Thou sing, By by, lullay."
13. "Now sweet Son, since it is come so,  
That all is at Thy will,  
I pray Thee grant to me a boon<sup>8</sup>,  
If it be right and skill<sup>9</sup>,—
14. "That child or man, who will or can  
Be merry on my day,  
To bliss Thou bring—and I shall sing,  
Lullay, by by, lullay."