

MARY'S LITTLE BOY CHILD

Words and Music
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Slowly

mp

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time, marked 'mp' (mezzo-piano). It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, both in B-flat major. The melody begins with a half note B-flat, followed by a quarter note A, a quarter note G, and a half note F. The bass line starts with a half note B-flat, followed by a quarter note A, a quarter note G, and a half note F. The piece concludes with a final chord of B-flat major.

B $\flat$ E $\flat$ Cm F7 B $\flat$

Long time a - go in Beth-le - hem, so the Ho - ly Bi - ble say, an
Shep herds watched their flocks by night, they saw a bright, new, shin - ing star

The first system of the song features a vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in B-flat major, with a key signature of two flats. The piano accompaniment is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Long time a - go in Beth-le - hem, so the Ho - ly Bi - ble say, an / Shep herds watched their flocks by night, they saw a bright, new, shin - ing star'. The system includes five chord diagrams: B $\flat$, E $\flat$, Cm, F7, and B $\flat$.

B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$ Cm B $\flat$ /F F7 B $\flat$

Ma - ry's Boy - Child, Je - sus Christ, was born on Christ - mas day.
heard a choir, from Heav - en sing, The mu - sic came from a far.

The second system of the song continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Ma - ry's Boy - Child, Je - sus Christ, was born on Christ - mas day. / heard a choir, from Heav - en sing, The mu - sic came from a far.'. The system includes six chord diagrams: B $\flat$ 7, E $\flat$, Cm, B $\flat$ /F, F7, and B $\flat$.

Hark now hear the an - gels sing, New King's born to - day, And

man will live for - ev - er - more_ be - cause of Christ - mas day.

ritard. *a tempo* While Now, Jo - seph and his wife, Ma - ry_ came to Beth - le - hem_ that

night. They found no place_ to bear her child_ Not a sin - gle room was in

sight. By and by they found a lit - tle nook in a sta - ble all for

lorn, And in a man-ger, cold and dark, Ma-ry's Lit-tle Boy, Child wa

Bb **Bb7** **Eb** **Cm** **Bb/F** **F7**

born. Faster Trum - pets sound and an - gels sing, Lis-ten to what the

Bb **Eb** **F** **Bb** **Gm** **Eb**

say. That man will live for - ev - er - more, be - cause of Christ-mas day.

F7 **Bb** **Bb7/D** **Eb** **Cm** **Bb/F** **F7** **Bb**