

Coventry Carol

Traditional



The musical score is written on seven staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a time signature of 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The lyrics are: Lul - - ly, lul - - la, thou lit - - tle tin - y child; By, by, lul - - ly lul - - lay, thou lit - - tle ti - ny child, By, by, lul - - ly lul - - lay. O sis - ters two, How may we do For to pre - - serve this day This poor youg - - ling For whom we do sing By, by lul - - ly lul - - lay?

(Refrain:

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child;

By, by, lully, lullay.)

1. O sisters two,
How may we do
For to preserve this day
This poor youngling
For whom we do sing
By, by lully lullay?

2. Herod the king,
In his raging,
Charg'd he hath this day
His men of might,
In his own sight
All young children to slay.

3. That woe is me,
Poor child, for thee,
And ever mourn and say:
For thy parting
Neither say nor sing
By, by, lully lullay.