

The Coventry Carol

Named for the city of Coventry where the 15th Century
Pageant depicted Herod's Slaughter of innocents

Words Robert Croo 1534
Melody 1591

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Am	E	Am	G	E
Lul - lay Thou lit - tle ti - ny Child,				
0		0	5	5
0	6+	0	0	6+
0	0	0	5	0

Am	G	Am	
Bye - bye, lul - loo, lul - lay Lul -			
0	5	0	
0	6	0	
0	5	6	8

G		E	
lay, Thou lit - tle ti - ny Child,			
5	7	7	5
6	6	6	6+
7	6	5	0

Am	E	Am	G	A
Bye - bye, lul - loo, lul lay.				
0		5	8	
0	6+	6	7	
0	0	7	5	6+

O sisters, too, how may we do for to preserve this day?
This poor Youngling for whom we sing, bye bye lulloo lullay

Herod the king in his raging charg-ed he hath this day
His men of might, in his own sight, All children young to slay.

Then woe is me, poor Child for Thee, And ever morn and day,
For Thy parting nor say nor sing, bye bye, lulloo, lullay.