**Mary’s Boy Child**

C115 C

**Author: Jester Hairston (1956); Recorded by** [**Harry Belefonte**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkq4AlQyIkA) **(1956)**

**Intro** C | F Dm | C G7 | C (last line of 1st verse)

**C Dm G7 C**

1. Long time ago in Bethle-hem, so the Holy Bible say,

F Dm C G7 C

Mary’s boy-child, Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day.

C F G7 C Am Dm G

Hark now! Hear the angels sing, a King was born to-day, **Chorus**

C F D7 C G7 C | C

And man will live for-ever more, be-cause of Christmas day.

C Dm G7 C

2. While shepherds watch their flocks by night, they see a bright new shining star,

F Dm C G7 C

They hear a choir sing a song, the music seemed to come from a-far. **Chorus**

C Dm G7 C

3. Now Joseph and his wife Mary came to Bethlehem that night,

F Dm C G7 C

They found no place to bear the child, not a single room was in sight. **Chorus**

C Dm G7 C

4. By and by they found a little nook in a stable all for-lorn.

F Dm C G7 C

And in a manger cold and dark, Mary’s little boy was born. **Chorus**

C F G C Am Dm G

Trumpets sound and angels sing; listen to what they say,

C F Dm C G7 C

That man will live for-ever more because of Christmas day. **Chorus (2x)**

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C115 F

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**Intro** F | Bb Gm | F C7 | F (last line of 1st verse)

**F Gm C7 F**

1. Long time ago in Bethle-hem, so the Holy Bible say,

Bb Gm F C7 F

Mary’s boy-child, Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day.

**Chorus**

F Bb C7 F Dm Gm C

Hark now! Hear the angels sing, a King was born to-day,

F Bb G7 F C7 F | F

And man will live for-ever more, be-cause of Christmas day.

F Gm C7 F

2. While shepherds watch their flocks by night, they see a bright new shining star,

Bb Gm F C7 F

They hear a choir sing a song, the music seemed to come from a-far. **Chorus**

F Gm C7 F

3. Now Joseph and his wife Mary came to Bethlehem that night,

Bb Gm F C7 F

They found no place to bear the child, not a single room was in sight. **Chorus**

F Gm C7 F

4. By and by they found a little nook in a stable all for-lorn.

Bb Gm F C7 F

And in a manger cold and dark, Mary’s little boy was born. **Chorus**

F Bb C F Dm Gm C

Trumpets sound and angels sing; listen to what they say,

F Bb Gm F C7 F

That man will live for-ever more because of Christmas day. **Chorus (2x)**

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| **Baritone** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Mary’s Boy Child**

C115 G

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**Intro** G | C Am | G D7 | G (last line of 1st verse)

**G Am D7 G**

1. Long time ago in Bethle-hem, so the Holy Bible say,

C Am G D7 G

Mary’s boy-child, Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day.

**Chorus**

G C D7 G Em Am D

Hark now! Hear the angels sing, a King was born to-day,

G C A7 G D7 G | G

And man will live for-ever more, be-cause of Christmas day.

G Am D7 G

2. While shepherds watch their flocks by night, they see a bright new shining star,

C Am G D7 G

They hear a choir sing a song, the music seemed to come from a-far. **Chorus**

G Am D7 G

3. Now Joseph and his wife Mary came to Bethlehem that night,

C Am G D7 G

They found no place to bear the child, not a single room was in sight. **Chorus**

G Am D7 G

4. By and by they found a little nook in a stable all for-lorn.

C Am G D7 G

And in a manger cold and dark, Mary’s little boy was born. **Chorus**

G C D G Em Am D

Trumpets sound and angels sing; listen to what they say,

G C Am G D7 G

That man will live for-ever more because of Christmas day. **Chorus (2x)**

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