

Coventry Carol
with verses from:
Behold a Silly Tender Babe

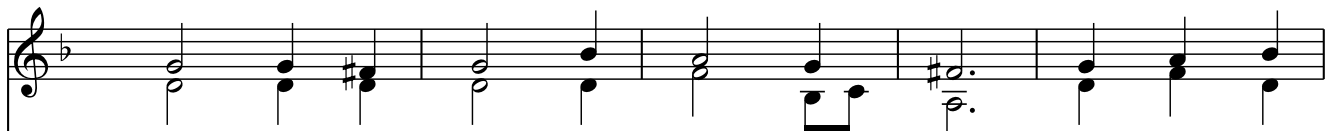
The image shows a musical score for the Coventry Carol. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a lute line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are: "Lul - - ly, lul - la, thou lit - tle tin - y child, By, by, lul - ly, lul - - la, thou lit - tle tin - y child, By, by, lul - ly, lu - lay." The word "fine" is written at the end of each system. The lute line includes a 'p' (piano) marking and a '8' at the beginning, indicating the lute's position.

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- ly, lul - - la, thou lit - tle tin - y child, By, by, lul - ly, lu - lay.


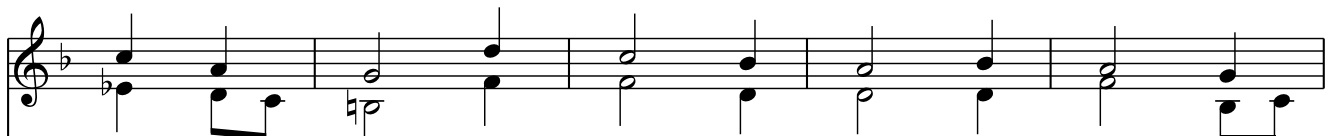
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1. Be - - hold a sil - - ly ten - der__ babe, In freez - ing
 2. The inns are full; no one will__ yield This lit - tle
 3. De - - spise him not for ly - - ing__ there; First what he

4. Weigh not his crib, his wood - en__ dish, Nor beasts that
 5. This sta - ble is a prince - 's__ court, The crib his
 6. With joy ap - proach this low - - ly__ child, Do hom - age





win - ter__ night, In home - ly man - ger trem - bling__
 pil - grim__ bed; But forced he is with sil - - ly__
 is in - - quire; An o - - rient pearl is of - - ten__

round him__ press; Weigh not his mo - ther's poor at -
 chair of__ state, The beasts are par - - cel of his__
 to a__ king; And high - - ly praise his hum - ble__

lies: A - - las! A pit - eous sight. crib to shroud his head.
 beasts in depth of dir - ty mire. found In
 - tire, Nor Jo - seph's sim - ple dress. wood - en dish his plate.
 pomp, The pomp, Which he from heaven doth bring.



Coventry Carol: Oxford Book of Carols p44, Hansen's 123 Greatest p49

Shorter New Oxford Book of Carols p46

Behold a Silly Tender Babe: www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com

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