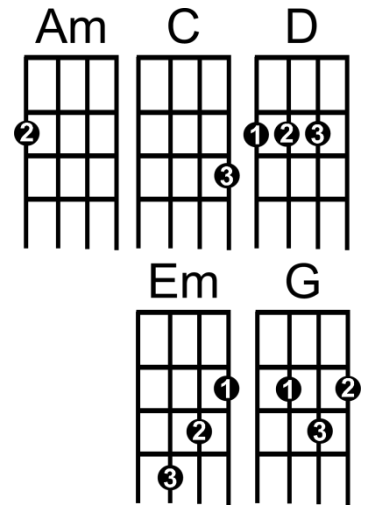


MARY'S BOYCHILD - Jester Hairston 1956

Intro: ([G] Long time ago in [C] Bethle[Am]hem, [G] Born on [D] Christmas [G] Day)

1. [G] Long time ago in [C] Bethle[Am]hem,
So the [D] Holy Bible [G] says,
Mary's boychild, [C] Jesus [Am] Christ,
Was [G] born on [D] Christmas [G] Day.



Chorus:

*Hark now! [C] Hear the [D] angels [G] sing,
A [Em] king was [Am] born to[D]day,
And [G] man will live for [C] ever[Am]more
Be[G]cause of [D] Christmas [G] day*

2. [G] While shepherds watch their [C] flocks by [Am] night
They see a [D] bright new shining [G] star
They hear a choir [C] sing a [Am] song...
...the music [G] seemed to [D] come from a[G]far - *Chorus*

3. [G] Now Joseph and his [C] wife, Ma[Am]ry,
Came to [D] Bethlehem that [G] night.
They found no place to [C] bear the [Am] child,
Not a [G] single [D] room was in [G] sight - *Chorus*

4. [G] And then they found a [C] little [Am] nook,
In a [D] stable all for[G]lorn.
And in a manger, [C] cold and [Am] dark,
Mary's [G] little [D] boy was [G] born

*Hark now! [C] Hear the [D] angels [G] sing,
A [Em] king was [Am] born to[D]day,
And [G] man will live for [C] ever[Am]more
Be[G]cause of [D] Christmas [G] day
Trumpets [C] sound and [D] angels [G] sing,
[Em] Listen to [Am] what they [D] say,
That [G] man will live for [C] ever[Am]more
(slow down) - Be[G]cause of [D] Christmas [G] day.*