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# **Away In A Manger**

**1996**

Strings  
Harp  
Choir (*unison*)  
(Optional Keyboard)

**FULL SCORE****Away in a Manger**

J.R.Murray, 1885

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**Cantabile**

The musical score consists of eight staves. From top to bottom: Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello, Bass, Harp, Choir, and Keyboard. The Violins play eighth-note patterns. The Viola and Cello provide harmonic support with sustained notes. The Bass provides a steady bass line. The Harp and Keyboard play rhythmic patterns. The Choir part is mostly rests. The score is in common time, key signature of one flat, and includes dynamics like *p* (piano) and *8va* (octave up). The Harp part includes a dynamic marking *simile*.

**Cantabile**

*8va*

*simile*

**Cantabile**

**Keyboard**

7

Vln.1  
Vln.2  
Vla.  
Vlc.  
Bass  
Harp  
Choir  
Cbds.

*pizz.*

7 Stanza 1 Melody: W.J.Kirkpatrick

A-way in a man- ger, no crib for a bed, The lit-tle Lord

13

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Vlc.

Bass

Harp

13

Choir

Cybd.

The musical score consists of five staves for the orchestra (Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello, Bass) and two staves for the choir (Harp and Choir). The orchestra parts feature various note patterns, including eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note figures. The bass part includes a dynamic instruction 'arco'. The choir part has lyrics: 'Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he'. The harp part consists of sustained chords. The choir part also features sustained chords.

Je-sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he

19

This musical score page contains five staves of music. The top four staves are for the orchestra: Vln.1, Vln.2, Vla., and Vlc. The bottom staff is for the Choir. The orchestra parts consist of mostly eighth-note patterns. The choir part includes lyrics: "lay, The lit-tle Lord Je-sus a-sleep on the hay...". The score is divided into two systems by a vertical bar line. The first system ends with a fermata over the Vln.1 and Vln.2 staves. The second system begins with a dynamic marking 'pizz.' over the Bass staff and 'arco' over the Vln.1 staff.

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Vlc.

Bass pizz. arco

Harp

19

Choir lay, The lit-tle Lord Je-sus a-sleep on the hay...

Cybd.

25

This musical score section begins at measure 25. It features five staves for strings (Vln.1, Vln.2, Vla., Vlc., Bass) and one staff for the Harp. The strings play eighth-note patterns with dynamic markings of *mp*. The bass part includes a pizzicato instruction. The harp staff shows a pattern of sixteenth-note chords starting at measure 26.

25

**Stanza 2 Melody: J.R.Murray**

This section starts at measure 25 with the **Stanza 2 Melody: J.R.Murray**. The choir sings the melody, and the keyboard (Kybd.) provides harmonic support with sustained notes. The lyrics "The cattle are lowing; the poor baby" are written below the choir staff.

31

Vln.1      Vln.2      Vla.      Vlc.      Bass

This section shows five staves for string instruments: Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello, and Double Bass. The violins play eighth-note patterns, the viola has a sustained note followed by eighth notes, the cello plays eighth notes, and the double bass provides harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note patterns. A dynamic instruction 'arco' is placed above the double bass staff.

Harp

The harp is shown with two staves, playing eighth-note patterns with grace notes. The right hand is indicated by a vertical line with dots and the left hand by a vertical line with crosses.

31

Choir      Kybd

The choir sings the lyrics: "wakes, But lit-tle Lord Je-sus no cry-ing he makes. I love thee, Lord". The keyboard part consists of sustained notes on the bass staff.

37

Musical score for measures 37-38. The score includes parts for Vln.1, Vln.2, Vla., Vlc., Bass, Harp, and Choir. The strings play eighth-note patterns, while the harp provides harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note chords.

C♯

Continuation of the musical score for measure 38, focusing on the Harp part. The harp plays a continuous eighth-note pattern across all four staves, with slurs connecting groups of notes. The key signature changes to C♯ at the beginning of this section.

37

Continuation of the musical score for measure 38, focusing on the Choir part. The choir sings the lyrics: "Je-sus; look down from the sky And stay by my cra-dle till morn-ing is". The music consists of eighth-note patterns for the choir.

Continuation of the musical score for measure 38, focusing on the Kybd (Keyboard) part. The keyboard provides harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note chords, matching the tempo and dynamics of the other instruments.

**43**

Vln.1      *cresc.*

Vln.2      *div.*

Vla.      *cresc.*

Vlc.      *cresc.*

Bass

Harp      *cresc.*      C      C#      F#      *dim.*

**43**

Choir      *nigh.*

Kybd.

*unis.*

Tune name: Michael's Schola

49

Vln.1      unis.

Vln.2

Vla.

Vlc.

Bass

Harp

49

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Choir

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay Close

Kybd.

55

*div.*

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Vlc.

Bass

Harp

55

Choir

Kybd.

by me for- ev- er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil- dren in

61

Vln.1

Vln.2

Vla.

Vlc.

Bass

Harp

Choir

Kybd.

unis.

F  $\sharp$

61

your ten- der care And fit us for heav- en to live with you there.

67

Musical score for measures 67-12. The score includes parts for Vln.1, Vln.2, Vla., Vlc., Bass, Harp, Choir, and Kybd. The key signature changes from B-flat major to C-sharp major at measure 12. Measure 67 starts with a forte dynamic. Measures 68-70 show a harmonic progression with changing bass notes and sustained notes. Measures 71-73 continue this pattern. Measures 74-76 show a continuation of the harmonic progression. Measures 77-79 show a final harmonic progression before the key change. Measures 80-82 show the beginning of the new key (C-sharp major) with sustained notes and harmonic shifts. Measures 83-85 show a continuation of the new key. Measures 86-88 show a final harmonic progression in the new key. Measures 89-91 show a concluding section with sustained notes and harmonic shifts.

C<sup>#</sup>

dim.

67

Continuation of the musical score for measures 67-12. The score includes parts for Choir and Kybd. The key signature changes from B-flat major to C-sharp major at measure 12. Measures 67-70 show a harmonic progression with changing bass notes and sustained notes. Measures 71-73 continue this pattern. Measures 74-76 show a continuation of the harmonic progression. Measures 77-79 show a final harmonic progression before the key change. Measures 80-82 show the beginning of the new key (C-sharp major) with sustained notes and harmonic shifts. Measures 83-85 show a continuation of the new key. Measures 86-88 show a final harmonic progression in the new key. Measures 89-91 show a concluding section with sustained notes and harmonic shifts.

73

*molto ritardando*

Vln.1      *unis.*  
*mp*

Vln.2  
*mp*  
*p* *molto rit.*

Vla.  
*mp*  
*p* *molto rit.*

Vlc.  
*mp*  
*p* *molto rit.*

Bass  
*mp*  
*p* *molto rit.*

Harp  
*F#*  
*F#*  
*molto ritardando*  
*mp*  
*p*

73

Choir

Kybd  
*molto ritardando*