

COVENTRY CRADLE CAROL

S.A.B. voices, accompanied, with opt. oboe*

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Based upon: ANGEL BAND (African Folk Song) and
THE COVENTRY CAROL (English Carol)

Tenderly (♩ = 92)

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a piano introduction marked *mp* and includes an oboe part marked (+Ob.). The vocal part for men begins at measure 8, marked *mp*, with the lyrics: "A - mong the hills, a - cross the sands, a mel - o - dy is ech - o - ing." The piano accompaniment continues throughout, with an oboe part marked (-Ob.) in measures 8-11 and (+Ob.) in measures 12-15.

* Parts for oboe may be found on pages 10-11.

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16

Women

mp

Men A sooth - ing, gen - tle lul - la -

(-Ob.)

20

by a young, - new moth - er sings.

24

mf

to the ti - ny Ba - by born this

mf (+Ob.)



28

day and laid in a cradle that's filled with

32

hay. O come to the stable in Beth - le -

(-Ob.)

36

hem, and wel - come the King to - day.

poco rall.

poco rall. (+Ob.)

40

a tempo

Lul - lay, O Lit - tle Ti - ny

a tempo

44

poco rall.

Child. By, by, lul - ly lul - lay.

poco rall.
(-Ob.)

48

a tempo

[Empty vocal and bass staves]

mp a tempo
(+Ob.)

52 *mp*

The an - gels hov - er o - ver -

mp

(-Ob.) (+Ob.)

56

head, un - fold - ing their snow - white wings.

60

The shep - herds kneel by the man - ger

(-Ob.)

64

bed as Ma - ry soft - ly sings

soft - ly, soft - ly

(+Ob.)

68

mf

to the ti - ny Ba - by born this

mf

sings.

mf

72

day and laid in a cra - dle that's filled with

mf

76

hay. O come to the sta - ble in Beth - le -

80

hem, and wel - come the King to - day.

poco rall.

poco rall.

84

Lul - lay, O Lit - tle Ti - ny

a tempo

a tempo

88

poco rall.

Child. By, by, lul - ly lul - lay.

Vocal line for measures 88-91. The melody is in G major and 4/4 time. It features a simple, lullaby-like tune with a final long note on 'lay'.

poco rall.

Piano accompaniment for measures 88-91. The left hand plays a simple bass line, and the right hand plays chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

92

a tempo

Wel - come the

Vocal line for measures 92-95. The melody continues with a more active rhythm, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes.

a tempo

Piano accompaniment for measures 92-95. The accompaniment is more rhythmic, with eighth notes in the bass and chords in the treble.

96

rit.

King to - day!

Vocal line for measures 96-99. The melody concludes with a long, sustained note on 'day!'.

rit. *mp* *p*

Piano accompaniment for measures 96-99. The piece ends with a final chord in the right hand and a sustained bass note in the left hand. Dynamics include *rit.*, *mp*, and *p*.

