

23. COVENTRY CAROL

(Second version)

Modern version of tune
arranged by MARTIN SHAW

REFRAIN

S. A.
Lul - ly, lul - la, thou lit - tle ti - ny child, By by, lul -

T. B.

End here %

- ly lul - lay. 1. O sis - ters too, How may we do
2. He - rod, the king, In his rag - ing,
3. That woe is me, Poor child for thee!

For to pre - serve this day This poor young - ling, For
Char - ged he hath this day His men of might, In
And ev - er morn and day, For thy part - ing Nei - ther

After 3rd verse, sing refrain again

whom we do sing, By by, lul - ly lul - lay?
his own sight, All young chil - dren to slay.
say nor sing By by, lul - ly lul - lay!

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This song is sung by the women of Bethlehem in the play, just before Herod's soldiers come in to slaughter their children.

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Words from the Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors, Coventry, 15th Century.

Tune—1591.

REFRAIN. *Not too slow.*

Lul-ly, lul-la, thou lit-tle ti-ny child, By by, lul-ly lul-lay. *End here.*

O sis-ters too, How may we do For to pre-serve this day? This

(Verse 3.) *After 3rd verse, sing Refrain again.*
 poor young-ling, For whom we sing. By by, lul-ly lul-lay!

Lully, lulla, thou little tny child,
 By by, lully lullay.

O SISTERS too,
 How may we do
 For to preserve this day?
 This poor youngling,
 For whom we sing,
 By by, lully lullay!

2 Herod, the king,
 In his raging,
 Charged he hath this day *in French*
 His men of might,
 In his own sight,
 All young children to slay.

3. That woo is me,
 Poor child for thee!
 And ever morn and may,
 For thy parting
 Neither say nor sing
 By by, lully lullay!

Lully, lulla, thou little tny child.
 By by, lully lullay.

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