

THE COVENTRY CAROL (original version)

*In the book, bars are not numbered, time-signatures are not shown
and the refrain is not written out at the end.*

Anon. (from a manuscript of 1591)

Sop/Alto

Lul - ly, lul - la, thou lit - tle ti - ny child, By by, lul - ly lul - lay, thou

Tenor

Lul - ly, lul - la, thou lit - tle ti - ny child, By by, lul - ly lul - lay, thou

Bass

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Sop/Alto

lit - tle ti - ny child, By by, lul - ly lul - lay. 1. O sis - ters too, How may we
2. Her - od the king In his rag -
3. That woe is me, Poor child, for

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Sop/Alto

do For to pre - serve this day This poor young - ling For ___ whom we do sing
- ing Charg - èd he hath this day His men of might, In ___ his ___ own sight,
thee! And ev - er morn and day, For thy part - ing Nei - ther say ___ nor sing

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thee! And ev - er morn and day, For thy part - ing Nei - ther say ___ nor sing

(After verse 3 only)

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Sop/Alto

Tenor

Bass

By by, lul - ly lul - lay? Lul - ly, lul - la, thou lit - tle ti - ny child,
 All young child - ren to slay.
 By by, lul - ly lul - lay.

By by, lul - ly lul - lay. Lul - ly, lul - la, thou lit - tle ti - ny child,
 All young child - ren to slay.
 By by, lul - ly lul - lay.

By by, lul - ly lul - lay. Lul - ly, lul - la, thou lit - tle ti - ny child,
 All young child - ren to slay.
 By by, lul - ly lul - lay.

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Sop/Alto

Tenor

Bass

By by, lul - ly lul - lay, thou lit - tle ti - ny child, By by, lul - ly lul - lay.

By by, lul - ly lul - lay, thou lit - tle ti - ny child, By by, lul - ly lul - lay.

By by, lul - ly lul - lay, thou lit - tle ti - ny child, By by, lul - ly lul - lay.

NOTES

1. Bars 3, 8, 29 & 34 (sopr/alto & bass): in the book the two crotchets for 'tiny' are printed as one minim.
2. Bar 23 (sopr/alto): the F natural is not a mistake!