

The First Cradle Song

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Fannie Aymar Matthew (1865-1925)

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1. Swing soft - ly, bells, on Christ-mas morn. Wake not the King of Glo - ry!
2. Blow gent - ly, winds, on Christ-mas morn, And rock His cra - dle meek - ly.
3. Ye Christ-mas ros - es, bow your heads, His in - fant grace a - dor - ing.

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Sing soft and swift a - cross the snow The old Ju - de - an sto - ry
Ye lit - tle ze - phyrs from the clouds soothe all His slum - bers sweet - ly.
The la - vish in - cense of your breath a - bout his couch out - pour - ing.

4. Sing lowly, too, ye little birds,
Lest Mary's Babe awaken.
Sing low the news of Jesus' birth,
To every soul forsaken!

5. And, oh, ye viols, lutes and harps
The angel strain repeating
Praise ye the Day star of the sky!
Send round His world His greeting!

6. 'Tis "Peace on earth, goodwill to men!"
Hear! all the bells are swinging,
And all the roses bow their heads;
And all the birds are singing!

7. Oh! "Peace on earth, goodwill to men!"
Light of the world dawning,
We hail Thee child and God in one.
On this Thy Christmas morning!