

# ADVENT: Anticipating His Arrival

December 13, 2020

## "AWAY IN A MANGER: REJOICE FOR THE SON HAS COME" MATTHEW 1: 1, 17-21; LUKE 2: 4-7

The Background of the Hymn:

The source of the first 2 stanzas is not certain; however, some have suggested that the reformer Martin Luther wrote them for his small son, Hans, for a Christmas Eve festival, perhaps in 1530. The song was first published in an 1885 Lutheran Sunday School book compiled by James R. Murray (1841-1905), who gave the song a subtitle of Luther's Cradle Hymn. While some have attributed the third verse to John T. McFarland in 1904, when an additional stanza for this carol was desired for use at a church children's day program, it is more likely that the third stanza, "Be near me, Lord Jesus," was first printed in Gabriel's Vineyard Songs (1892), where it appeared with a tune by Charles H. Gabriel (simply marked "C"), thus these words are probably by Gabriel. Gabriel credited the entire text to Luther and gave it the title "Cradle Song."

Murray's tune, which is the tune most commonly printed in the U.S., is typically given the name "Mueller" while the other tune "Cradle Song" was written by William J. Kirkpatrick for the musical Around the World with Christmas (1895) and is an adaptation of the melody originally composed in 1837 by Jonathan E. Spilman to "Sweet Afton".

Interestingly, there have been several variations of the song, including one or more of the following:

- The first line of the 1st verse - exchange 'no crib for a bed' for 'no room for his head'
- The third line of the 1st verse - omit the word 'bright' or exchange 'bright' for 'night'
- The first line of the 2nd verse - exchange 'the baby awakes' for 'the Babe awakes' or add the word 'poor' and remove the ('The poor baby wakes')
- The last line of the 2nd verse - exchange 'stay by my cradle 'til' for either 'stay by my bed until' or 'stay by my bedside 'til'
- The last line of the 3rd verse - exchange 'And take us to Heaven' for either 'And fit us for Heaven' or 'And throw us to Heaven'

What are your favorite Christmas memories? Do they make you smile?

### 1. Rejoice: Recognize the \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SON.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

- (1) The \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding His birth—Matt. 1:17-21 and Luke 2:6-7.
- (2) The \_\_\_\_\_ while on earth—Matthew 8:20.
- (3) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the ages—Philippians 2:5-8.

### 2. Rejoice: Celebrate the \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SON.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.

- (1) Jesus had a \_\_\_\_\_ history—Matt. 1:1, 17 & Luke 2:4-5
- (2) Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_—Luke 2:6
- (3) Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_—Luke 2:21
- (4) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ up—Luke 2:51-52 & Phil. 2:7
- (5) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_—Luke 23:46 & Phil. 2:8

### 3. Rejoice: Delight in the \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SON.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to Heaven to live with Thee there.

- (1) Jesus rose from the \_\_\_\_\_—Luke 24:1-8.
- (2) Jesus saves all who \_\_\_\_\_—Matt. 1:21 & John 1:12
- (3) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for His own—Hebrews 7:23-25
- (4) Jesus reigns \_\_\_\_\_—Phil. 2:9-11

What is the most memorable thing about this Christmas and how will God use it to demonstrate His love and power?



Guillermo & Emily GUEVARA shares tonight at 5:00 pm!



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