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The lyrics of this well-known carol first appeared in 1884; about 400 years too late to be written by Martin Luther, as sometimes attributed.

More than 40 tunes have been used with these words; this one is from the pen of William James Kirkpatrick, a writer of many favourite evangelical hymns such as "We have heard the joyful sound", "My faith has found a resting place" and "We have an anchor."

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Version: Lead sheet (melody and chords) with lyrics

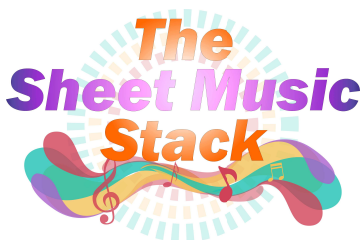
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A musical score for the song 'Away in a manger'. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 3/4 time. The first staff (measures 1-6) has chords G, D7, G, Am, D7. The second staff (measures 7-10) has chords G, Am, D7, G, D7. The third staff (measures 11-14) has chords Em, Bm, Am, D7. The fourth staff (measures 15-18) has chords G, Am, D7, G. The lyrics are: 'A - way in a__ man-ger, no crib for a bed, the__ lit - tle Lord Je - sus lay__ down his sweet head. The stars in the__ bright sky looked__ down where he lay; The__ lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.'

*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 side until morning is nigh.*

*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 fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*