

COVENTRY CAROL

Words from the *Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors* (15th cent.)

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S.
A.

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

T.
B.

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

- ly, lul - lay. O sis - ters too, How may we do

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For to pre - serve this day This poor young - ling, — For

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whom we do sing, By by, lul - ly lul - lay?

whom we do sing, By by, lul - ly lul - lay?

He - rod, the king, In his rag - ing,

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Char - ged he hath this day His men of might, — In

Char - ged he hath this day His men of might, — In

his — own sight, All young chil - dren to slay.

his — own sight, All young chil - dren to slay.

That woe is me, Poor child for thee!

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And ev - er morn and day, For thy part - ing Nei - ther

And ev - er morn and day, For thy part - ing Nei - ther

say — nor sing By by, lul - ly lul - lay!

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.