

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head

Adapted from the singing
of three people in Hardin County, Kentucky

Arranged by John Jacob Niles

Piano

Gentle



The piano accompaniment for the first system is written for a grand piano in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It features a gentle melody in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand, both marked with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic.

Voice

mp Refrain

Je - sus, Je - sus, rest your head, You has got a man - ger bed.

mp legato

All the e - vil folk on earth Sleep in feath - ers at their birth.

Je - sus, Je - sus, rest your head, You has got a man - ger bed.

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1. Have you heard a - bout our Je - sus? Have you heard a - bout his fate?

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How his mam-my went to that sta - ble On that Christ-mas Eve so late?

Winds were blow - ing, cows were low - ing, Stars were glow - ing, glow - ing, glow - ing.

p Refrain

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2. To that man - ger came then wise men, Bring-ing things from hin and yon.

For the moth - er and the fa - ther And the bless - ed lit - tle Son.

Milk-maids left their fields and flocks And sat be-side the ass and ox.

p Refrain

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