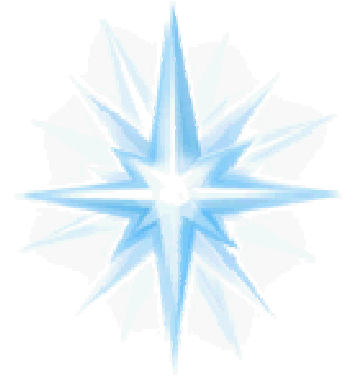


Da First Christmas

(Away in a Manger)



Whin Mary an Joseph cam ta Bethlehem toon
Dey wir nae room ta bide in, nae place ta lie doon
An so dey fan a lam'oose while da stars gae dem licht,
An peerie Loard Jesus wis boarn dere dat nicht.

Nae crib an nae cradle, so a troch wis his bed
Wi some hey dey wir gadderred ta lay under his head.
Da lambs cam ta look an da yowes cam ta nyaarm -
Dan dey ledd dem doon near him an keepit him waarm.

Be near wis Loard Jesus, bide closs bi wir side,
Bliss aa peerie bairns da whole wirld wide
Fae Shetlan tae New Zealand, fae Japan tae Peru
An help wis ta growe up ta be mair laek you.

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KEY WIRDS

lam'oose	abbrev. of 'lambhoose', shed for lambs
ledd dem doon	lay down (past tense)
nyaarm	bleat
troch	trough