

# Christmas Carols

## Away In A Manger

### Key Scripture

Luke 2:4-7 NIV

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. ***She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.***

**carol:** to sing in a lively and joyous manner, to praise and celebrate in a song.

### Away In A Manger:

- **Ranked #2 Carol in 1996 Gallop Poll**
- **Originally thought to be composed by Martin Luther**
- **Musical setting William J. Kirkpatrick**

*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.*

*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 till 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 take us to heaven to live with thee there*

Luke 2:7 NIV

Then she gave birth to her firstborn Son, and she wrapped Him snugly in cloth and laid Him in a feeding trough—***because there was no room for them at the inn.***

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### Making Room For Jesus...

#### 1. Refuse to let materialism **clutter** your life.

Luke 12:16-21 NLT

16 Then He told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. 17 He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' 18 Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll ***have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods.*** 19 And I'll sit back and say to myself, 'My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!'" 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' 21 "Yes, ***a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.***"

#### 2. Make room for God's Word and put **doubt** out.

Matthew 9:23-25 NKJV

23 When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, 24 He said to them, "***Make room***, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. 25 But when ***the crowd was put outside***, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose.

#### 3. Realize the door is narrow...but God has made **room** for you.

Matthew 7:13-14 ERV

13 "***You can enter true life only through the narrow gate.*** The gate to hell is very wide, and there is ***plenty of room*** on the road that leads there. Many people go that way. 14 But the gate that opens the way to true life is narrow. ***And the road that leads there is hard to follow.*** Only a few people find it.

John 14:6 NKJV

Jesus said to him, "***I am the way***, the ***truth***, and the ***life***.  
***No one comes to the Father except through Me.***"

John 14:1-3 Message

1 "Don't let this throw you. You trust God, don't you? ***Trust Me.***  
 2 ***There is plenty of room for you in my Father's home.*** If that weren't so, would I have told you that I'm on My way to get a room ready for you? 3 And if ***I'm on My way to get your room ready***, I'll come back and get you so you can live where I live.