

This Endris Night

This endris night, I saw a sight,  
 A star as bright as day,  
 And ever among this maiden sung,  
 Lully, by by, lullay.

1. This lovely lady sat and sang, and to her child did say,  
 My son, my brother, my father dear, why liest thou thus in hay?  
 My sweet bird, though it betide, thou not be King veray,  
 But nevertheless, I will not cease to sing by by lullay.

2. The Child then spake in his talking, and to his mother he said:  
 I bekydde am in heaven as King, in crib though I be laid;  
 For angels bright down to me light, thou knowst it is no nay;  
 And of that sight, thou mayst be light to sing by by lullay.

3. Now sweet son, since thou art King, why art thou laid in stall?  
 Why not ordain thy bedding in some great kingès hall?  
 Methink it right that king or knight should lie in good array,  
 And then among, it were no wrong to sing, by by, lullay.

4. Mary, mother, I am thy child, though in a manger lay,  
 Lords and dukes shall worship me, and so shall kingès all,  
 Ye shall well see that kingès three shall come on the twelfth day,  
 For this behest, give me thy breast, and sing by by, lullay, lullay,

5. Now, sweet son, since it is so, all things are at thy will,  
 I pray thee, grant to me a boon, if it be right and skill,  
 That child or man that will or can be merry upon my day,  
 To bliss them bring, and I shall sing lully, by by, lullay.

Text adapted by the composer from the longer mediaeval text, "This Endrys Night"

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**Freely**  
*f* ♩ = 72 (approx)

SOPRANO  
 This en - dris night, — I saw a sight, A star — as bright as day,

ALTO  
 This en - dris night, — I saw a sight, A star — as bright as day,

TENOR  
 This en - dris night, — I saw a sight, A star — as bright as day,

BASS  
 This en - dris night, — I saw a sight, A star — as bright as day,

**Freely** (approx)  
 For rehearsal only

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**rit.** . . . . .

And ev - er a - mong this mai - den sung, Lul - ly, — by by, — lul -

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And ev - er a - mong this mai - den sung, Lul - ly, — by by, —

And ev - er a - mong this mai - den sung, Lul - ly, — by by, —

**rit.** . . . . .

Gently rocking, not too fast

17  $\text{♩} = 60$  (approx) *p*

lay. This love - ly la - dy sat and sang, and to her child did

lay.

*pp*  
Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by

*pp*  
Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by

**Gently rocking, not too fast**

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say, My son, my bro-ther, my fa - ther dear, why liest thou thus in hay? My sweet bird, though

by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by

by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by

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it be-tide, thou not be King ve - ray, But ne-ver-the-less, I will not cease to sing by

by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by

by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by

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by lul - lay. Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay,

Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay,

by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, *mp* The Child then spake in his talk - ing, and to his mo-ther he said: I

by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by,

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Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay,

Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay,

be-kydde am in hea-ven as King, in crib though I be laid; For an - gels bright down to me light, thou

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Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Sing by

Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by

knowst it is no nay; And of that sight, thou mayst be light to sing by

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by, lul - lay.

by, lul - lay, By by lul - lay, By by lul - lay, Now sweet son, since thou art King, why art thou laid in stall? Why

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Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, why art thou laid in stall? —

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not or - dain thy bed - ding in some great king-ès hall? Me - think it right that king or knight should

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Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Me think it right that king or knight should

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*p* Lul - ly, by

lie in good ar - ray, And then a-mong, it were no wrong to sing, by by, lul - lay.

lie in good ar - ray, And then a-mong, it were no wrong to sing, by by, lul - lay.

lie in good ar - ray, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay.

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by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by

*mp* Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by

*f* Ma - ry, mo - ther, I am thy child, though in a man - ger



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by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay,

by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay,

lay, Lords and dukes shall wor - ship me, and so shall king - ès all, Ye

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Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay,

Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul - lay,

shall well see that king - ès three shall come on the twelfth day, For this be - hest, give me thy breast, and

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Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Now, sweet son, since it is so, all

Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Now, sweet son, since it is so, all

Lul - ly, by by, lul-lay, Now, sweet son, since it is so, all

sing by by, lul-lay, lul-lay, Now, sweet son, since it is so, all

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things are at thy will, I pray thee, grant to me a boon, if it be right and skill, That

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child or man that will or can be mer-ry up - on my day, To bliss them bring, and

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child or man that will or can be mer-ry up - on my day, To bliss them bring, and

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*molto diminuendo*

*(slower than the first time)*

I shall sing lul - ly, by by, lul - lay. This en - dris night, I saw a sight, A

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star as bright as day, And ever among this maiden

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sung, Lully, by by, lully

sung, Lully, by by, lully

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sung, Lully, by by, lully