Coventry Carol
(CHristmas: Innocents)

FIRST VERSION

Matthew 2: 16-18

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arr. Thomas Sharp, 1825

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attr. Robert Croo, 1534

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1. O sisters too, How may we do

2. Herod, the king, in his rag - ing,

3. That woe is me, Poor Child for thee!

For to pre - serve this day This poor young -
Char - ged he hath this day His men of
And ev - er mom and day, For thy part -

ling, For whom we do sing, By by lul - ly lul - lay?
might, In his own sight, All young chil - dren to slay.

Neither say nor sing By by, lul - ly lul - lay!