

Jesus My Brother

The only props needed are a child-sized manger to hold a doll, two children to dress up as Mary and Joseph, and masks or simple costumes to represent a cow (white and red), sheep (with curly horn), dove (and mate), and headdresses/scarves for remaining children to stand around the manger as the words to the song are either sung or narrated. The song begins with Mary and Joseph at the manger. As the verses are read/sung mentioning the various animals, children representing those animals walk up around the manger. On the final verse, all of the remaining children (shepherds) gather around the manger and at the end of the last verse and chorus, all the children sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus.

Gently

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment is in the left hand, and the vocal line is in the right hand. The key signature is one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 6/8. The tempo is marked 'Gently'. The score includes lyrics and chord symbols (F, C7, Bb) above the notes. The lyrics are: '1. Je - sus, our broth - er, kind and good, Was hum - bly born in a sta - ble rude, And the friend - ly beasts a - round Him stood; Je - sus, our broth - er, kind and good.'

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hum - bly born in a sta - ble rude, And the

friend - ly beasts a - round Him stood;

Je - sus, our broth - er, kind and good.

2. "I," said the don - key, shag - gy and brown, "I
 car - ried His moth - er up - hill and down; I
 car - ried His moth - er to Beth - le - hem town."
 "I," said the don - key, shag - gy and brown.

Melody

3. "I," said the cow, all white and red,
 "I gave Him my manger for His bed,
 I gave Him my hay to pillow His head."
 "I," said the cow, all white and red.

5. "I," said the dove from the rafters high,
 "Cooed Him to sleep that He should not cry,
 We cood Him to sleep, my mate and I."
 "I," said the dove from the rafters high.

4. "I," said the sheep with curly horn,
 "I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm.
 He wore my coat on Christmas morn."
 "I," said the sheep with curly horn.

6. Thus every beast by some good spell,
 In the stable of dark was glad to tell
 Of the gift He gave Emmanuel,
 The gift He gave Emmanuel.