

## Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1. Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all!  
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2. Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of the gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you!  
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"Infant holy, Infant lowly" is based on a traditional Polish Christmas carol, "*W żłobie leży*". This song was translated to English by Edith M. G. Reed. The earliest known version of this Polish folk carol was published in December, 1920. It is included in **The New Oxford Book of Carols** (#184).