

This Endris Night

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This endris night I saw a sight
A star as bright as day
And ever among a maiden sung
Lullay bye bye lullay

This lovely lady sat and sang
And to her child did say
"My son, my brother, father, dear
Why liest thou thus in hay"

The child then spake in his talking
And to his mother said
"Yea, I am known as Heaven's King
In crib though I be laid

For angels bright down to me alight;
Thou knowest it true to say
And for that sight thou mayest delight
And sing, 'bye bye lullay'"

"Yet, sweet son, since thou art a king,
Why art thou laid in stall?
Why dost not order thy bedding
In some great kinges hall?

Methinks tis right that king or knight
Should lie in good array
And then among, it be not wrong
To sing 'bye bye lullay'"

"Mary, mother, I am thy child
Though I be laid in stall
For lords and dukes shall worship me
And so shall kinges all

So in thy arm, thou hold me warm
And keep me night and day
And if I weep and may not sleep
Then sing 'bye bye lullay'"