

## The Birthday of a King

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**In the little village of Bethlehem,**  
[ɪn ðʌ 'lɪt.əl 'vɪl.ɪdʒ əv 'bɛθ.lɪ(ə).hɛm]

**There lay a child one day,**  
[ðɛɹ leɪ ʌ tʃaɪld wʌn deɪ]

**And the sky was bright with a holy light,**  
**O'er the place where Jesus lay:**

Alleluia! O how the angels sang,  
Alleluia! how it rang;  
And the sky was bright with a holy light,  
'Twas the birthday of a King.

'Twas a humble birthplace, but oh!  
How much God gave us that day,  
From the manger bed, what a path has led  
What a perfect holy way:

Alleluia! O how the angels sang,  
Alleluia! how it rang;  
And the sky was bright with a holy light,  
'Twas the birthday of a King.

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*Thank you!*

