

Long Ago on Christmas Day

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1. Once a mo - ther sweet and mild Watched a lit - tle sleep - ing child,
2. O - pen - ing His won - dering eyes Un - der star - ry Syr - ian skies,
3. Love di - vine shone in His face, Bright - ening all the hum - ble place,
4. And to - day we child - ren sing, Hail - ing Him a heav'n - ly king.

Cra - dled in a bed of hay, Long a - go on Christ - mas day.
Smiled this Ba - by as He lay, Long a - go on Christ - mas day.
That rude sta - ble where He lay, Long a - go on Christ - mas day.
"In all hearts, O Christ," we pray, "Be born a - gain each Christ - mas day!"

Refrain

Car - ol, child - ren, car - ol! Car - ol sweet and low! The Christ Child dear For

us came here, On Christ - mas long a - go.