Unto us a boy is born! Hymnal 1982 no. 98 Melody: Puer nobis nascitur 7 7. 7 7.



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The King of all creation,

came he to a world forlorn,

the Lord of every nation.

Cradled in a stall was he

with sleepy cows and asses;

but the very beasts could see

that he all men surpasses.

Herod then with fear was filled;

‘A prince,’ he said, ‘in Jewry!’

All the little boys he killed

at Bethl’hem in his fury.

Now may Mary’s son, who came

so long ago to love us,

lead us all with hearts aflame

unto the joys above us.

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