

('Twas in the Moon of Winter Time) The Huron Carol

G (Em) as is (preferred) - or capo 2 no score

Em
'Twas in the moon of winter time,
C D Em
When all the birds had fled,
Em
That mighty Gitchi Manitou
C D Em
Sent angel choirs instead;
Em D C D
Before their light the stars grew dim
C B7
And wond'ring hunters heard the hymn

Em D Em
Jesus your king is born!
D Em D B7 Em
Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria!

Em
Within a lodge of broken bark
C D Em
The tender babe was found,
Em
A ragged robe of rabbit skin
C D Em
Enrapped his beauty 'round;
Em D C D
And as the hunter braves drew nigh,
C B7
The angel song rang loud and high:

Em D Em
Jesus your king is born!
D Em D B7 Em
Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria!

Em
The earliest moon of winter time
C D Em
Is not so round and fair
Em
As was the ring of glory on
C D Em
The helpless infant there.
Em D C D
The chiefs from far before him knelt
C B7
With gifts of fox and beaver pelt:

Em D Em
Jesus your king is born!
D Em D B7 Em
Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria!

Em
O children of the forest free,
C D Em
O sons of Manitou;
Em
The holy child of earth and heaven
C D Em
Is born today for you.
Em D C D
Come kneel before the radiant Boy,
C B7
Who brings you beauty, peace, and joy:

Em D Em
Jesus your king is born!
D Em D B7 Em
Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria!

The tune originated in France as a carol entitled Une Jeune Pucelle (A Young Maiden). The original text was 'Estennialon de tsonue Jesus ahatonhia'; The first North American Carol - and in the Huron tongue - by St. Jean de Brebeuf, 1593 - 1649. English Text is a later but widely adopted version by an Englishman; Jesse Edgar Middleton, 1872 - 1960.