

# 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime 142

Capo 3: (Em) (Am) (Bm7) (Em)  
 Gm Cm Dm7 Gm

1 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time, when all the birds had fled,  
 2 With - in a lodge of bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was found.  
 3 The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and fair  
 4 O chil - dren of the for - est free, the an - gel song is true:

(Em) (Am) (Bm7) (Em)  
 Gm Cm Dm7 Gm

Great Spir - it, Lord of all the earth sent an - gel choirs in - stead.  
 A rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en - wrapped his beau - ty round.  
 as was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant there.  
 the ho - ly child of earth and heaven is born to - day for you.

(Bm) (Am) (G)  
 Dm Cm B<sup>b</sup>

Be - fore their light the stars grew dim and wan - dering  
 But as the hunt - ers brave drew nigh the an - gel  
 The chiefs from far be - fore him knelt with gifts of  
 Come kneel be - fore the ra - diant boy who brings you

(C) (Am) (Bm7) (Em) (Bm)  
 E<sup>b</sup> Cm Dm7 Gm Dm

*Refrain*

hunt - ers heard the hymn:  
 song rang loud and high: Je - sus, your king, is born;  
 fox and bea - ver pelt.  
 beau - ty, peace, and joy.

(C) (Bm) (Em) (Am) (Bm7) (Em)  
 E<sup>b</sup> Dm Gm Cm Dm7 Gm

Je - sus is born. In ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This English text preserves the earliest known Canadian hymn, originally written in the Huron language by a missionary, later translated into French, and eventually paraphrased in English. It is set to a French Noël tune old enough to have been used for the original version.