

Twas In The Moon of Wintertime

(also known as Huron Carol or Jesus He Is Born)

CHRISTMAS

Words: Jean de Brébeuf, 1642. Translated by Jesse Edgar Middleton, 1926.
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♩ = 120

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. Oh child - ren of the for - est free, Oh sons of Man - - i - - tou,

That might - y Git - - chi Man - i - - tou 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 glor - y on The help - less In - - fant there.
 The ho - ly Child of earth and Heav'n Is born to - day for you.

Be - - fore their light the stars grew dim, And wan - d'ring hun - ters heard the hymn:
 But as the hun - ter braves drew night, The an - gel song rang loud and high:
 The chiefs from far be - fore Him knelt With gifts of fox and bea - ver pelt.
 Come kneel be - fore the rad - iant Boy, Who brings you beau - ty, peace and joy.

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

This hymn was written by Fr. Jean de Brébeuf, a French missionary to the Huron (first nations / native American) people. He was eventually martyred for the faith by Iroquois during the Iroquois-Huron wars.

"When the Japanese have a Christmas devotional booklet, Mary is a Japanese woman, and her Child is a Japanese boy. With that, they are confessing that He was born for them too. For that was the message of the angel, that He was born to be the Savior for all people, and all people means one of us ... and so whether it is in Papua New Guinea or Japan or among the Eskimos, when they think of the birth of the Savior they see Him as born one of them." - Dr. Norman Nagel, 22 Dec 2005