



Carols – Away In A Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with thee there.

Luke 2:8-12 NIV And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

- “Lord” in Greek is “**Kurios**” – “supreme in authority, controller.”
- We don’t actually make Jesus Lord; we surrender ourselves to what He already is.

1. The partially surrendered life

Jesus didn’t ask people to accept Him; He commanded them to follow Him.

Luke 9:23-24 NIV Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. 24For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.



Luke 9:23-24 MSG Then he told them what they could expect for themselves: “Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You’re not in the driver’s seat—I am. Don’t run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I’ll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self.

Luke 6:46 NIV “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

Proverbs 3:5-6 PSV Trust in the Lord with some of your heart, and lean heavily on your own understanding, in some of your ways, acknowledge him, and you can make your own paths straight.

What is it that you haven’t surrendered?

2. The fully surrendered life

Romans 14:7-8 NIV For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. 8If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart and lean NOT on your own understanding; 6in ALL your ways submit to him, and HE will make your paths straight.

“Acknowledge” in Hebrew is “**yada**” – also translated “to know.”

Luke 10:27 NIV ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

Matthew 7:21-23 MSG “Knowing the correct password—saying ‘Master, Master,’ for instance—isn’t going to get you anywhere with me. What is required is serious obedience—doing what my Father wills. I can see it now—at the Final Judgment thousands strutting up to me and saying, ‘Master, we preached the Message, we bashed the demons, our God-sponsored projects had everyone talking.’ And do you know what I am going to say? ‘You missed the boat. All you did was use me to make yourselves important. You don’t impress me one bit. You’re out of here.’

He’s not a part-time Lord, and He’s not looking for part-time followers.