

# The little drummer boy

traditional , USA

F C F B<sup>b</sup> F F C

Come they told me, pa - rum pum pum pum. — A new born

The first system of musical notation for 'The Little Drummer Boy'. It consists of two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). The melody is written on the upper staff, and the bass line on the lower staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, C, F, B<sup>b</sup>, F, F, C. The lyrics are: 'Come they told me, pa - rum pum pum pum. — A new born'.

F B<sup>b</sup> F C B<sup>b</sup>

King to see, pa - rum pum pum pum. — Our fi - nest gifts we bring, pa -

The second system of musical notation. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, B<sup>b</sup>, F, C, B<sup>b</sup>. The lyrics are: 'King to see, pa - rum pum pum pum. — Our fi - nest gifts we bring, pa -'.

F C F

rum pum pum pum, — to lay be - fore the King, pa -

The third system of musical notation. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, C, F. The lyrics are: 'rum pum pum pum, — to lay be - fore the King, pa -'.

F<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup> F C F C

rum, pum pum pum rum pum pum pum rum pum pum pum — So to

The fourth system of musical notation. Chords are indicated above the staff: F<sup>7</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>, F, C, F, C. The lyrics are: 'rum, pum pum pum rum pum pum pum rum pum pum pum — So to'.

F B $\flat$  F C F

hon-our Him, pa - rum pum pum pum, when we come.

2. Little baby parum pum pum pum.  
 I am a poor boy too, parum pum pum pum.  
 I have no gift to bring, parum pum pum pum,  
 that's fit to give our King, parum pum pum pum,  
 rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.  
 Shall I play for you, parum pum pum pum, on my drum?

3. Mary nodded, parum pum pum pum.  
 The ox and lamb kept time, parum pum pum pum.  
 I played my drum for Him, parum pum pum pum.  
 I played my best for Him, parum pum pum pum,  
 rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.  
 The He smiled at me, parum pum pum pum, me and my drum.