

Virgin Mary Had a Little Baby

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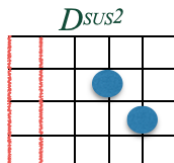
Sing along with The Holly Singers @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WV4O4IMeDX4>

Em *B7.* *Em*
Virgin Mary had a little baby.

Em *Dsus2* *G*
Oh oh glory hallelujah.

Em
Oh oh pretty little baby.

Em *B7* *E* *Em*
Glory be to the new born King.



Em *B7.* *Em*
Some call Him one thing, People call Him Jesus.

Em *Dsus2* *G*
Oh oh glory hallelujah.

Em
Oh oh pretty little baby.

Em *B7* *E* *Em*
Glory be to the new born King.

Em *B7.* *Em*
Some call Him Jesus, I call Him Savior.

Em *Dsus2* *G*
Oh oh allel - ujah.

Em
Oh oh pretty little baby.

Em *B7* *E* *Em*
Glory be to the new born King.

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Scripture and History

Luke 1:26-33 In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end "



The author of "**The Virgin Mary Had a Little Baby**" aka "Virgin Mary" is unknown.

Elizabeth Poston, in *The Second Penguin Book of Christmas Carols* notes, describes the hymn as a, "Traditional Negro Christmas spiritual (general), of characteristic simplicity in question-and-answer form and strong rhythm. An earlier version is 'Mary, what yer gwine er name dat Purty Leetle Baby' in *Southern Thoughts for Northern Thinkers* by Jeannette Robinson Murphy (Bandanna Publishing Co., New York, 1904)." It was later published in 1953 by R. C. Seeger in *American Folk Songs for Christmas*.

Early recordings include John Jacob Niles who collected spirituals in Appalachia in the early years of the 20th century, and Peggy and Pete Seeger in "Glory to the New Born King". Harry Belafonte the hymn in 1957 under the title "Mary, Mary" on his CD "To Wish You A Merry Christmas"); and Joan Baez, "Folksingers 'Round Harvard Square," 1960.

The version used here is by the Holly Holl Singers from 1964.

<http://www.fresnostate.edu/folklore/ballads/FSWB384A.html> and http://www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com/Hymns_and_Carols/what_you_gonna_call_your_pretty.htm



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