

51b. Coventry carol

Words from the *Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors* (15th cent.)

from the *Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors*
arranged by MARTIN SHAW
(1875-1958)

REFRAIN

S.
A. Lul - ly, lul - la, thou lit - tle ti - ny child, By by, lul -

T.
B.

End here ‰

- ly, lul - lay. 1. O sis - ters too, How may we do
2. He - rod, the king, In his rag - ing,
3. That woe is me, Poor child for thee!

For to pre - serve this day This poor young - ling, — For
Char - ged he hath this day His men of might, — In
And ev - er morn and day, For thy part - ing Nei - ther

After 3rd verse repeat refrain ‰

whom we do sing, By by, lul - ly lul - lay?
his own sight, All young chil - dren to slay.
say nor sing By by, lul - ly lul - lay!

This song is sung by the women of Bethlehem in the play, just before Herod's soldiers come in to slaughter their children.