

# The Christ Child's Lullaby

(Tàladh Chrìosta)

Hebridean Carol

G F G F Dm

1. My love, treas - ured one you, My sweet love - ly son you, You  
2. Your mild and gent - le eyes pro - claim The lov - ing heart with which you came, A  
3. King of kings, most Ho - ly One, You are the Son, E - tern - al One, You

G F G F C

are my love, my dar - ling, you, Un - wor - I, of you.  
ten - der, help - less, ti - ny babe With bound - less gifts of Grace.  
are my God and help - less son, High Rul - er of man - kind.

## CHORUS:

G F G F Dm

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

G F G F G

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

arr. Peter McLaren  
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Given by the Rev. Ranald Rankin as a parting gift to the children of his congregation at Moidart in the outer Hebridean island of Uist, prior to his emigration to Australia in 1855. Rankin became the priest at Little River in Geelong, where he died in 1863 aged 64 years. The original lyrics of which there were 29 verses were written in Scots gaelic.

The melody, *Cumha Mhic Arois* (Lament for Mac Àrois), is from the Hebrides and was sung as a protective charm for the fishermen away at sea. The rhythm mirrors the rhythm of the surf. It is sung in the Hebrides at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.