

King Herod and the cock

Traditional

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lies in the dish Shall crow full fen - ces three."

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mündlich überliefert

1	
There was a star in David's land, So bright it did appear Into King Herod's chamber, And brightly it shined there.	Da war ein Stern in Davids Land, so hell schien in das Zimmer von König Herodes, und hell darin leuchtete.
2	
The Wise Men soon espied it, And told the king on high, A princely babe was born that night, No king could e'er destroy.	Die Weisen erspähten ihn bald, und erzählten dem erhabenen König, dass ein fürstliches Kind geboren worden sei in jener Nacht, das kein König je vernichten könne.
3	
"If this be true," King Herod said, "As thou hast told to me, This roasted cock that lies in the dish Shall crow full fences* three".	„Wenn das wahr ist,“ sagte König Herodes, „was du mir gesagt hast, wird dieser gebratene Hahn, der auf der Platte liegt, dreimal krähen.“
4	
The cock soon thrusted and feathered well, By the work of God's own hand, And he did crow full fences In the dish where he did stand.	Alsbald streckte sich der Hahn und befiederte sich durch das Wirken von Gottes eigener Hand, und er krähte three, dreimal auf der Platte, wo er (nun) stand.

* *fences* = times (lt. The Oxford Book of Carols)

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