

Carols at ✦ WARWICK CASTLE ✦

Christmas Baby – a new Christmas Carol by
Warwick local poet Shirley Wallis for the
2007 Warwickshire Schools' Christmas Carol Competition

On a dark (cold) starry night in winter
There was a baby born in a stable
Wrapped in a cloth by his gentle young mum

(eh?) WHAT KIND OF STORY IS THAT?

There were some shepherds sat on a hillside
Minding their business, and guarding the sheep,
When in the sky came bright singing angels

(and) WHAT KIND OF STORY IS THAT?

Angels commanded them "Go find the baby"
Gave them directions, blew silver trumpets
And left. "Oh dear, we must go. It's quite clear"

(and) WHAT KIND OF STORY IS THAT?

"We must take a present – it's only polite –
a lamb would be fine." So soon the stable
Was full of animals, shepherds and warmth.

(well) WHAT STRANGER STORY THAN THAT?

Mother and baby, Mary and Jesus,
And Joseph to watch them, love all around –
The first Christmas present, God's gift to us.

(so) WHAT GREATER STORY THAN THAT?
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