

'Twas In the Moon of Wintertime (The Huron Christmas Carol)

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Stanza 1 in Huron:

Estennialon de tsonoue
Jeous ahatonhia
Onnaouateoua d'oki
N'onouandas kouaentak
Enonchien skouatrihotat
N'onouandilonrachatha
Jesous ahatonhia.

1. 'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled
That mighty Gitche Manitou sent angel choirs instead.
Before their light the stars few dim, and wond'ring hunters heard the hymn:

Chorus: Jesus, your King is born; Jesus is born *In excelsis Gloria!*

2. Within a lodge of broken bark the tender Babe was found.
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped His beauty round.
And as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high:

Chorus

3. O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou
The Holy Child of earth and heav'n is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant Boy who bring you beauty, peace and joy:

Chorus