

## Keith Toby

### "Bethlehem In Birmingham"

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(Scott Lynch/Weston Harvey)

Christmas Eve in Birmingham  
It's a long, long way from Bethlehem  
Mary and Joe live outside of town  
On an old, run-down farm  
Mary says, Joe, you'd better get the car  
My contractions ain't that far apart  
But that Falcon stalled after sixty yards  
Out behind the barn

So away to the stables go Mary and Joe  
Now, it's not much shelter, but it keeps them from the cold  
Mary's hurtin', Joe prays to God for a helping hand  
They need a Bethlehem miracle tonight in Birmingham

A kerosene lantern is the only light  
Joe says, Mary, don't give up the fight  
She's gonna keep pushin' till the baby cries  
If it takes her last breath  
And as the dawn begins to break  
Across the fields, valleys and the lakes  
A baby's cry greets the light of day  
Merry Christmas and God bless

So away in the stables lay Mary, the baby and Joe  
It's not much shelter, but it keeps them from the cold  
Mary's cradles her baby, Joe thanks God for the helping hand  
There was a Bethlehem miracle last night in Birmingham

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