Twas In The Moon of Wintertime

(also known as Huron Carol or Jesus He Is Born)

Words: Jean de Brébeuf, 1642. Translated by Jesse Edgar Middleton, 1926.
Music: 'Huron Carol' or 'Jesous Ahatonia' or 'Une Jeunne Pucelle' traditional French, 1557.
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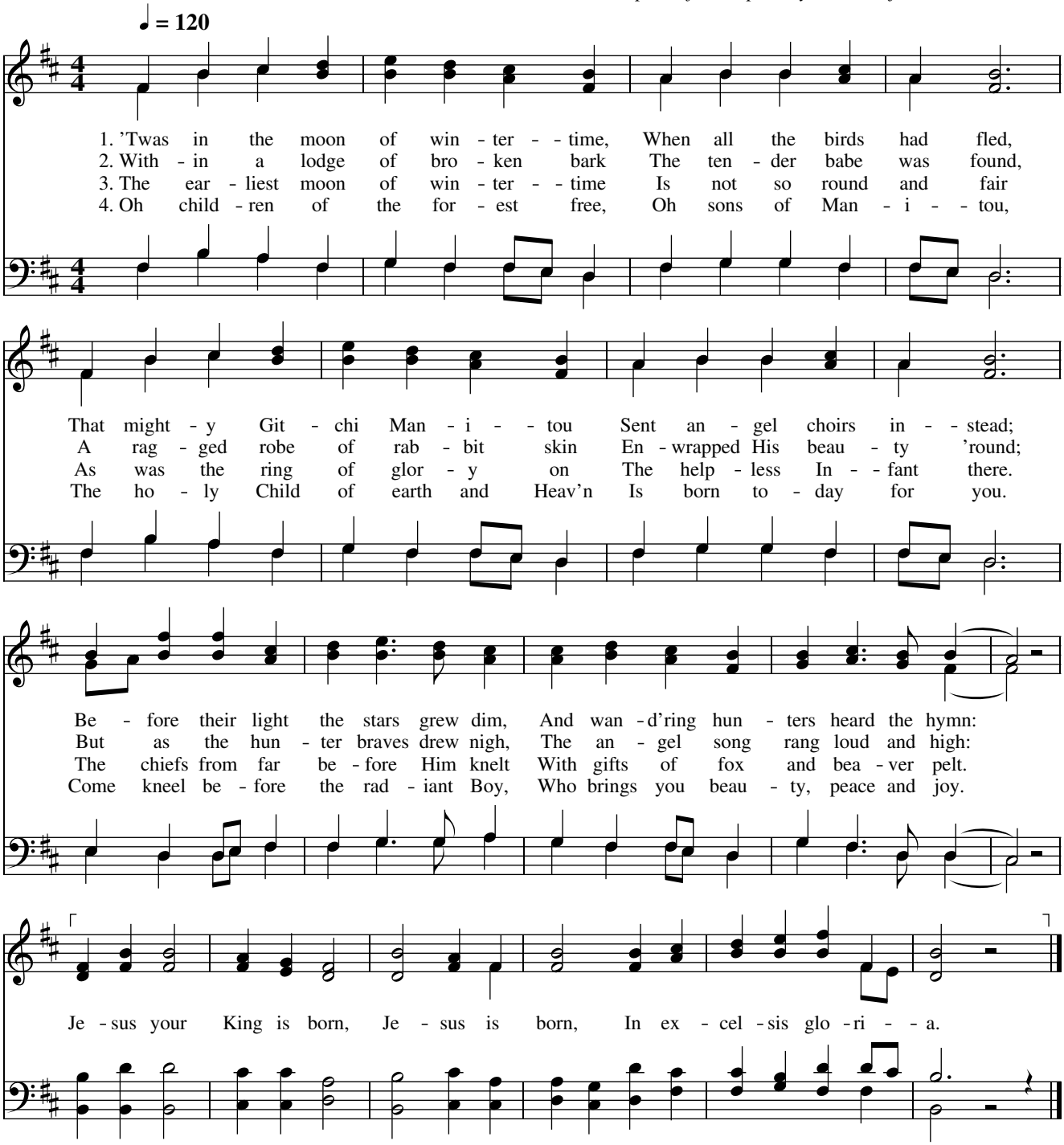
This hymn was written by Fr. Jean de Brébeuf, a French missionary to the Huron (first nations / native American) people. He was eventually martyred for the faith by Iroquois during the Iroquois-Huron wars.

"When the Japanese have a Christmas devotional booklet, Mary is a Japanese woman, and her Child is a Japanese boy. With that, they are confessing that He was born for them too. For that was the message of the angel, that He was born to be the Savior for all people, and all people means one of us ... and so whether it is in Papau New Guinea or Japan or among the Eskimos, when they think of the birth of the Savior they see Him as born one of them." - Dr. Norman Nagel, 22 Dec 2005

Lk 2:7-14, Mt 2:11, Acts 2:38-39, 1Pt 5:6-7

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