A Hopeful Mother of God (Christmas Carol)

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1. U nadeeyee Bozha Maty Though the Mother of God had hope,

Ne mala de syna maty She could find no place to give birth to her Son

U teei stainee de iahniata In a stable meant for lambs

tam bula dlia nene khata There she found for herself a home.

2. Tsilyi vik sveei mandruvala She journeyed her entire life

Bo zyhtia nee deh neh mala But could not find a safe place,

Kruhom nee viry hanialy For everywhere were unbelievers

malykh ditok ubyvaly Who were killing innocent children

Slava Rozhdenamu Glory to the newborn, v Bidnykh iaslakh vlozhenomu Who was laid in a poor manger!

Z v zemnykh hospoda pechaliakh Though earthly sadness was great

Sviate Dytia vykhovaly She shepherded the Holy Child through life

Staryi losyp i Maria Elderly Joseph and Mary

Liudei hrishnykiv nadiia You are the hope of us people- sinners

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I do n'oha vsi zvernimos' And to him let us all turn

Krystu Bohu poklonimos'
To Christ our Lord, we bow down,
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