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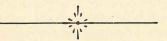


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Preface.

The following carols have been noted in various parts of England during the last ten years. The names of various counties where they have been collected are placed at the head of each carol; but it is not to be imagined that they belong exclusively to those counties.

In some cases the words as sung to me were incomplete and have been completed from other sources. In one case (Nº 3) the text as sung was very corrupt owing to the singer being a gipsy and pronouncing the words phonetically without fully understanding their meaning. In this case it has been necessary to make several conjectural emendations.

My thanks are due to the following:-

To Mrs Leather for kind permission to include No 6 (The Truth sent from above).

To Mrs Shawcross for kind permission to make use of "Old Castleton Christmas Carols" by the late Rev.W.H.Shawcross

To M! F. Sidgwick for permission to print verse 3. of Nº 4. ('Down in you forest') as given in "Popular Carols" (Sidgwick & Jackson).

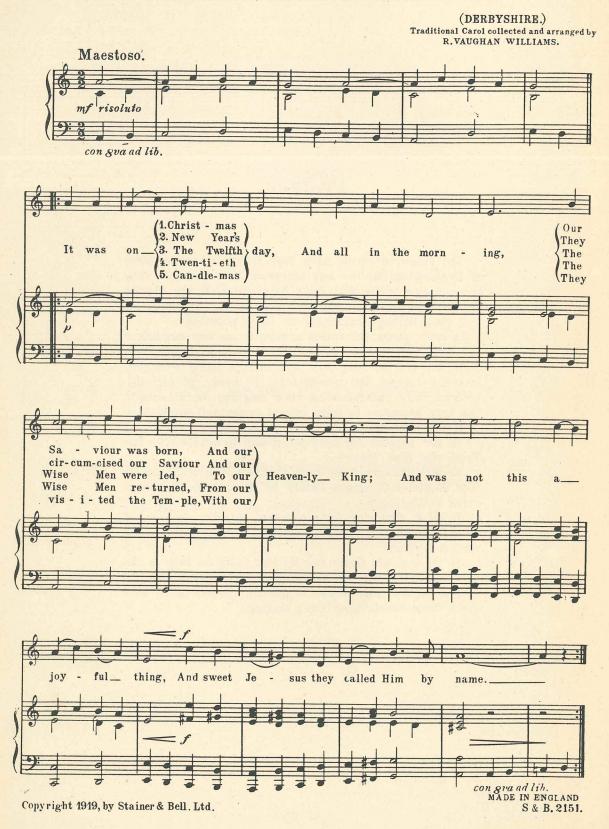
To M! Reginald Gatty and M! Ivor Gatty for help in discovering and noting the Yorkshire and Derbyshire carols.

And to the singers who originally allowed me to note down these carols from their singing.

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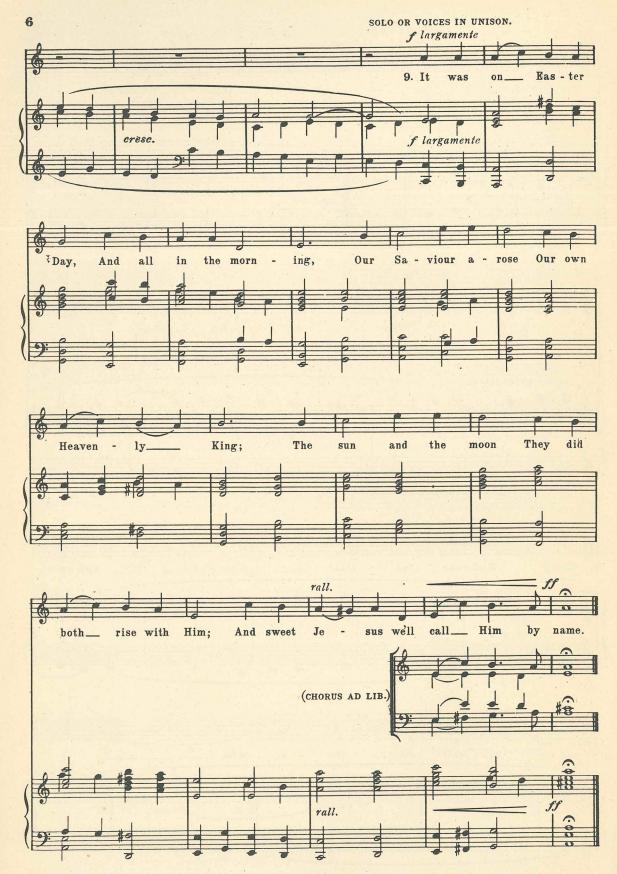
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1. AND ALL IN THE MORNING.





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It was on Christmas Day
And all in the morning,
Our Saviour was born,
And our Heavenly King;
And was not this a joyful thing,
And sweet Jesus they called Him by name.

It was on New Year's Day And all in the morning, They circumcised our Saviour And our Heavenly King;

It was on the Twelth Day, And all in the morning, The Wise Men were led To our Heavenly King;

It was on Twentieth Day And all in the morning, The Wise Men returned From our Heavenly King; It was on Candlemas Day And all in the morning, They visited the Temple With our Heavenly King;

It was on Holy Wednesday
And all in the morning,
That Judas betrayed
Our dear Heavenly King;
And was not this a woeful thing
And sweet Jesus we'll call Him by name.

It was on Sheer Thursday, And all in the morning, They plaited a crown of thorns, For our Heavenly King;

It was on Good Friday, And all in the morning, They crucified our Saviour, And our Heavenly King;

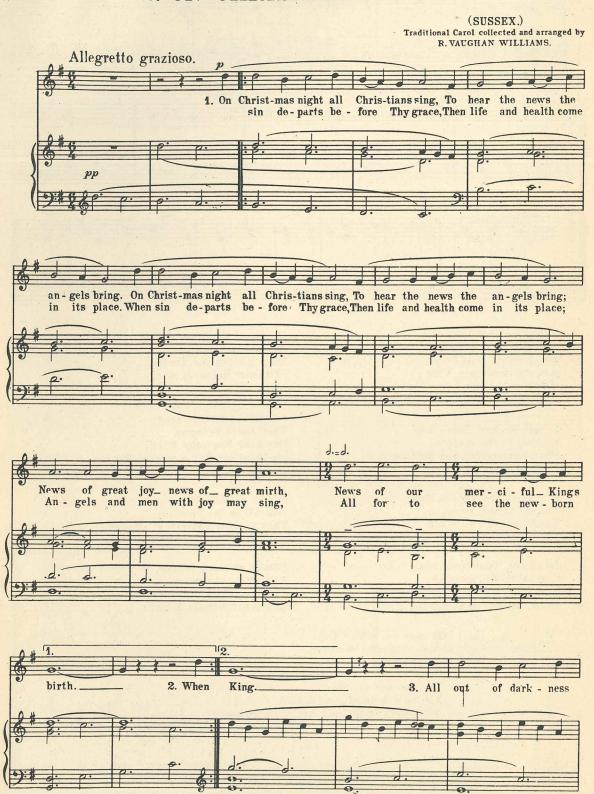
It was on Easter Day,
And all in the morning,
Our Saviour arose,
Our own Heavenly King;
The sun and the moon
They did both rise with Him,
And sweet Jesus we'll call Him by name.

If this Carol is considered too long the best verses to omit are 2, 4, 5 and 7.

The above text has been completed from "Old Castleton Christmas Carols" edited by the late Rev. W. H. Shawcross.

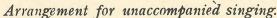
Melody and first verse of text from Mr. Hall, Castleton, Derbyshire.

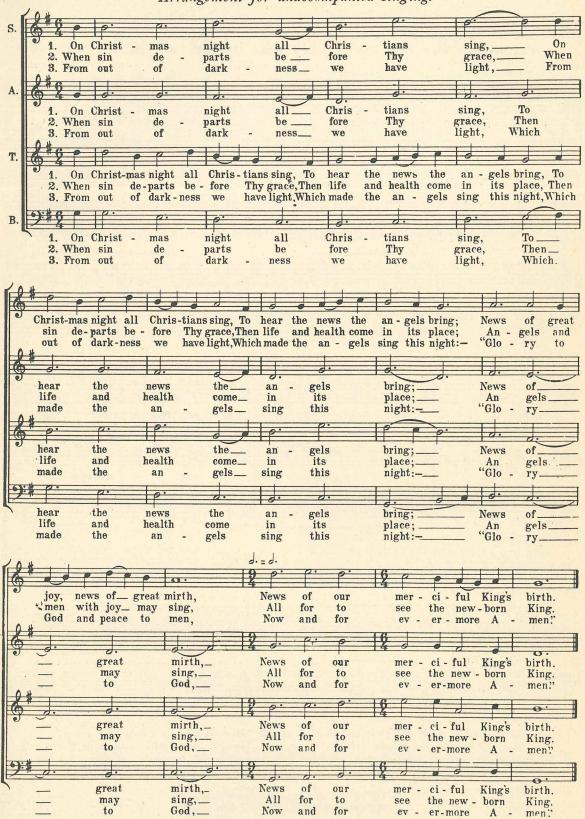
2. ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT.





- On Christmas night all Christians sing, To hear the news the angels bring; News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful King's birth.
- 2. When sin departs before Thy grace,
 Then life and health come in its place;
 Angels and men with joy may sing,
 All for to see the new-born King.
- 3. All out of darkness we have light, Which made the angels sing this night; "Glory to God and peace to men, Now and for evermore. Amen."





The above harmonisation is taken partly from "Fantasia on Christmas carols" by kind permission of the publishers Messrs Stainer & Bell For other versions of words and melody see Journal of the Folk-song Society Vol. II. p. 127. Also Sharp English Folk-carols No. X. Melody and Text from MTS Verrall, Monks Gate, Sussex.

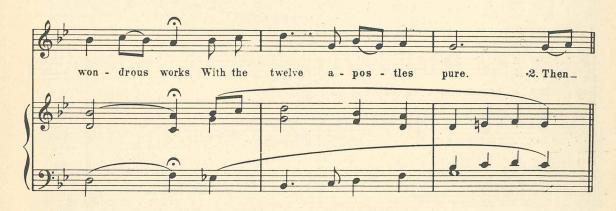
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3. THE TWELVE APOSTLES.

(STAFFORDSHIRE.) Traditional Carol collected and arranged by R.VAUGHAN WILLIAMS.









Version for unaccompanied singing.





- 1. When Jesus Christ had lived For thirty years or more, He worked many wondrous works With the twelve apostles pure.
- 2. Then Judas with the Jews Our Saviour did betray, And unto them, for thirty pence Jesus was sold away.
- 3. Then Judas sought a place With a tribe of armed men, He bound his master fast in bands In whom there was no sin.
- 4. They led Him on straightway, Unto a judgment place; Without God's leave He was condemned To die in vile disgrace.

- 5. And for His garment then Brave soldiers did cast dice, It was a garment without seam And a jewel of great price.
- 6. They nailed His hands and feet And crowned His head with thorns, They gave Him vinegar to drink But He the spongeful scorns.
- 7. Now all things seemed to mourn, When our blessed Saviour died; The hills and rocks did rend in twain And the mountains did divide.
- 8. The heavens themselves grew dim; The moon forsook her light; And for three hours in one day It was a dismal sight.
- 9. At any Christmas time, Amongst good Christians all, This Christmas carol may be sung In any house or hall.

The text as originally sung was corrupt in several places. The following are the chief emanded phrases.

Verse 1. The following verse omitted after Verse 1.

'He delivered up the twelve Sacrament to make, He shewed Simon Hebrews house A Testament to make."

Verse 2, line 3, "And unto him offered forty ten pence".

"Then Judas seeked a mace!"

3, ,, 4, "Then Judas seeked a mac. 6, ,, 4, "That many a spongeful scorns." "The hills and locks did rant and roar."

7, ... 3, "The hills and I 8, ... 2, "The mountain!" For another version of text with a different melody, see Sharp English Folk carols, XIX. Melody and text from Mr. Wildes of Tipton, Staffs.

4. DOWN IN YON FOREST.



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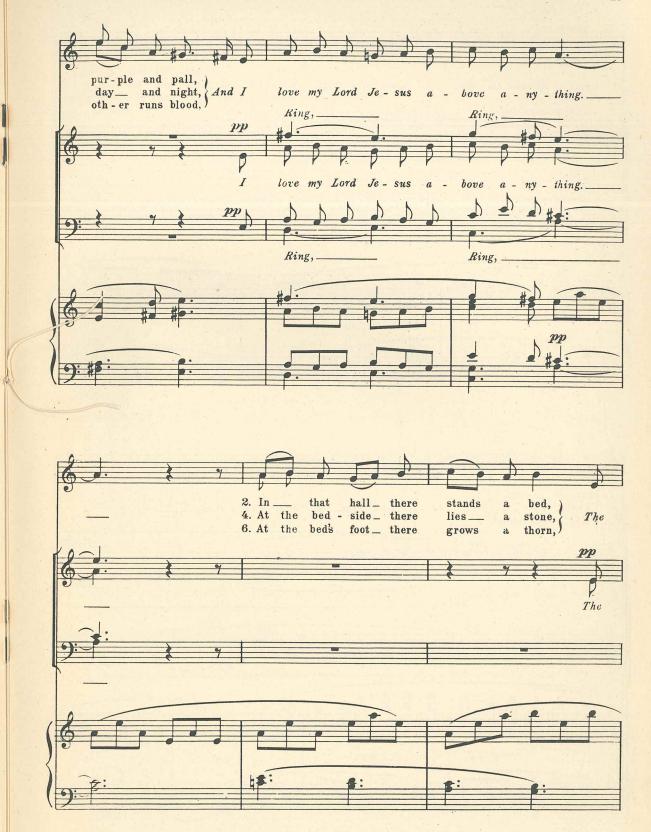




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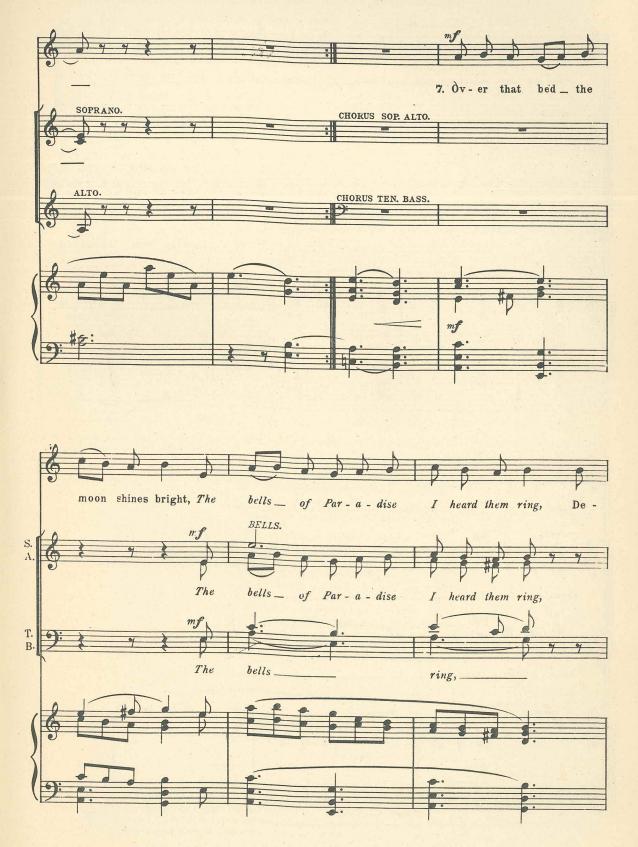
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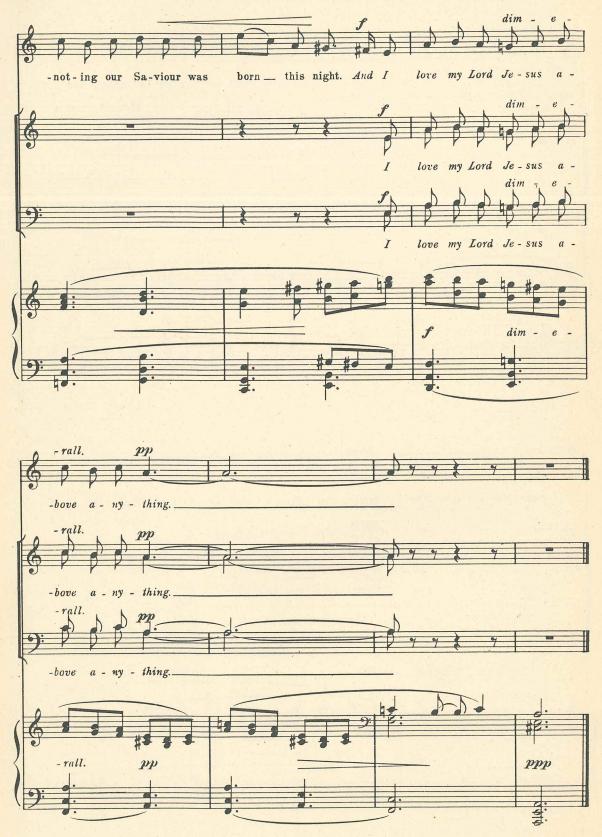
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N.B. It is suggested that the Solo portion be sung without harmony in the opening verses; Also that the Solo portion be divided among various voices (male and female.)

- Down in yon forest there stands a hall,
 The bells of Paradise I heard them ring,
 It's covered all over with purple and pall,
 And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.
- In that hall there stands a bed,
 It's covered all over with scarlet so red.
- In that bed there lies a knight,
 Whose wounds do bleed by day and night.
- 4. At the bed-side there lies a stone, Which the sweet Virgin Mary knelt upon.
- Under that bed there runs a flood, The one half runs water, the other runs blood.
- 6. At the bed's foot there grows a thorn,
 Which ever blows blossom since He was born.
- 7. Over that bed the moon shines bright,

 The bells of Paradise I heard them ring,

 Denoting our Saviour was born this night,

 And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

Text unaltered except for (i) the addition of Verse 3, which has been taken from a version collected many years ago and reprinted in "Popular Carols" (Sidgwick & Jackson, by kind permission.)

For a full account of this Carol and its probable allegorical interpretation see Journal of the Folk Song Society. Vol.IV. p.52. Melody and text of 6 Verses from M! Hall, Castleton, Derbyshire.

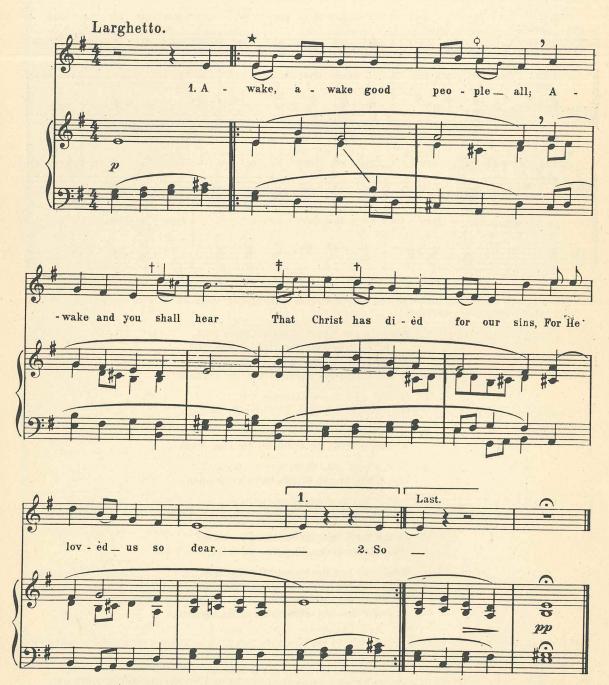
⁽ii) In Verse 5 the word 'flood' has been substituted for 'river!

⁽iii) In Verse 6 "At the bed's foot" has been substituted for "At the foot of the bed."

5. MAY DAY CAROL.

(CAMBRIDGESHIRE.)

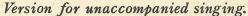
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^{*}Crotchet in VV. 1 & 4. \$\Phi\$ Crotchet in Verse 1 only. \(\dagger Crotchet in VV. 3, 4 & 5.

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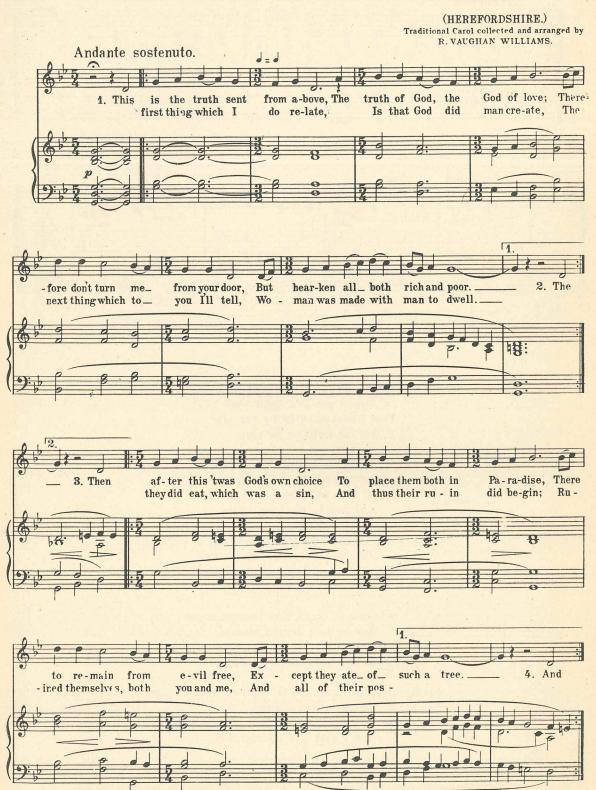


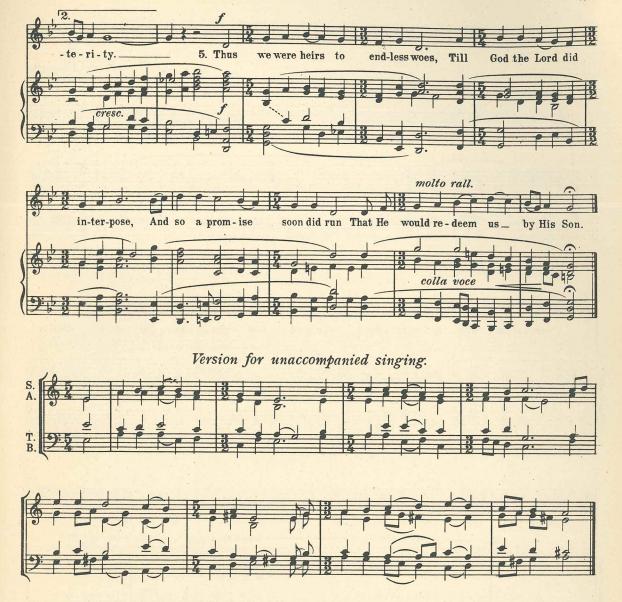


- Awake, awake good people all,
 Awake and you shall hear
 That Christ has died for our sins
 For He loved us so dear.
- So dearly, so dearly has Christ loved us And for our sins was slain;
 Christ bids us leave off our wickedness And turn to the Lord again.
- 3. The early cock so early crows, That is passing the night away, For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised, Lord, at the great judgment day.
- A branch of may I have brought to you,
 And at your door it stands;
 It is but a sprout, but it's well budded out
 By the work of our Lord's hands.
- Now my song, that is done, and I must be gone,
 No longer can I stay,
 So God bless you all, both great and small,
 And I wish you a joyful May.

With one or two very small emendations (was for 'were' and 'but it's for 'its') the text given here is exactly that sung. For other versions see 'English County Songs' and other collections. Also Journal of the Folk-song Society.' Vol.1. pp 180-182. Melody and text from M. Flack, Fowlmere, Cambs.

6. THE TRUTH SENT FROM ABOVE.





- 1. This is the truth sent from above,
 The truth of God, the God of love;
 Therefore don't turn me from your door,
 But hearken all both rich and poor.
- 2. The first thing which I do relate
 Is that God did man create,
 The next thing which to you I'll tell:
 Woman was made with man to dwell.
- Then after this 'twas God's own choice, To place them both in Paradise, There to remain from evil free, Except they ate of such a tree.
- And they did eat, which was a sin, And thus their ruin did begin; Ruined themselves, both you and me, And all of their posterity.
- 5. Thus we were heirs to endless woes, Till God the Lord did interpose, And so a promise soon did run That He would redeem us by His Son.

Melody and text included by kind permission of MTS Leather.

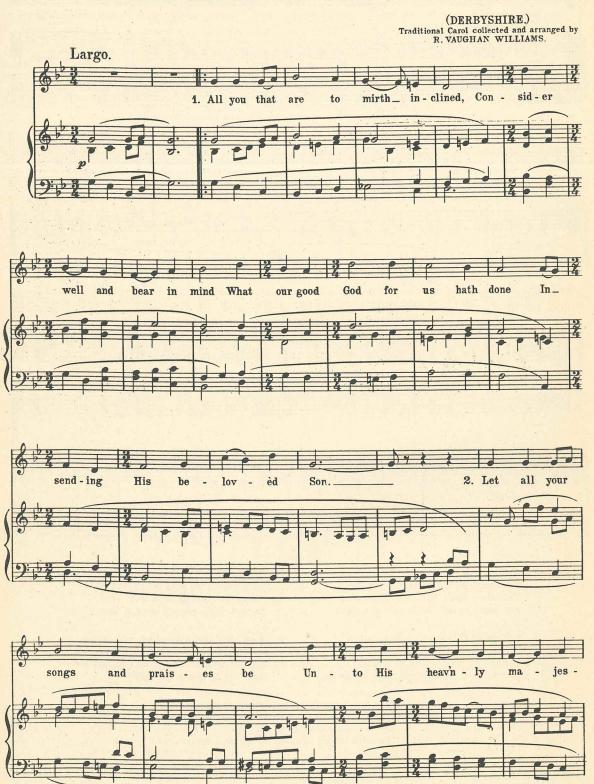
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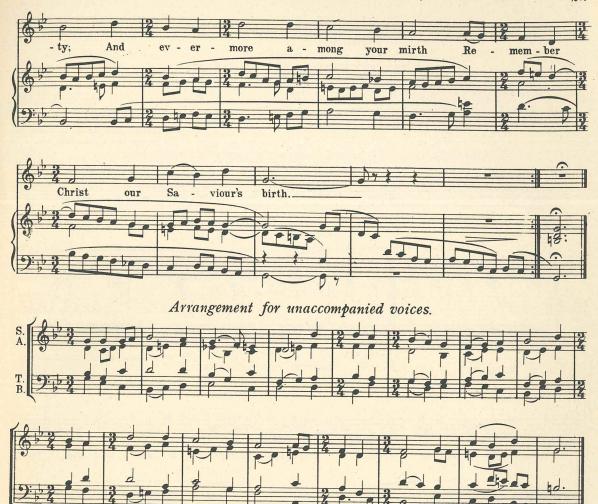
For notes on text and melody see Journal of the Folk-song Society Vol. IV. p. 47.

For another tune and a slightly different version of text see Sharp English Folk-carols, XVIII.

Melody and Text from MT. W. Jenkins, Kings Pyon, Herefordshire.

7. THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOUR.





- All you that are to mirth inclined, Consider well and bear in mind What our good God for us hath done In sending His beloved Son.
- Let all your songs and praises be Unto His heavenly Majesty, And evermore among your mirth Remember Christ our Saviour's birth.
- The five-and-twentieth of December, Good cause have we for to remember, In Bethlehem, upon this morn, There was our blessèd Saviour born.
- 4. The night before that happy tide The spotless Virgin and her guide, Went long time seeking up and down, To find them lodging in the town.
- 5. But mark how all things came to pass, The inns and lodgings so filled was, That they could have no room at all But in a silly ox's stall.

- Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
 Their herds and flocks of feeding sheep,
 To whom God's angel did appear,
 Which put the shepherds in great fear.
- 7. "Prepare and go;" the angel said,
 "To Bethlehem, be not afraid,
 There shall you find, this blessed morn,
 The princely Babe, sweet Jesus, born."
- 8. With thankful hearts and joyful mind, The shepherds went this Babe to find, And as the heavenly angel told, They did our Saviour Christ behold.
- No costly robes nor rich attire
 Did Jesus Christ our Lord desire;
 No music nor sweet harmony,
 Till glorious angels from on high
- 10. Did in a melodious manner sing Praises unto our Heavenly King, All honour, glory, might and praise, They did to Christ our Saviour raise.

The first verse only was sung with the melody—subsequent verses taken from "Old Castleton Christmas Carols" edited by the late Rev. W.H. Several verses have been omitted.

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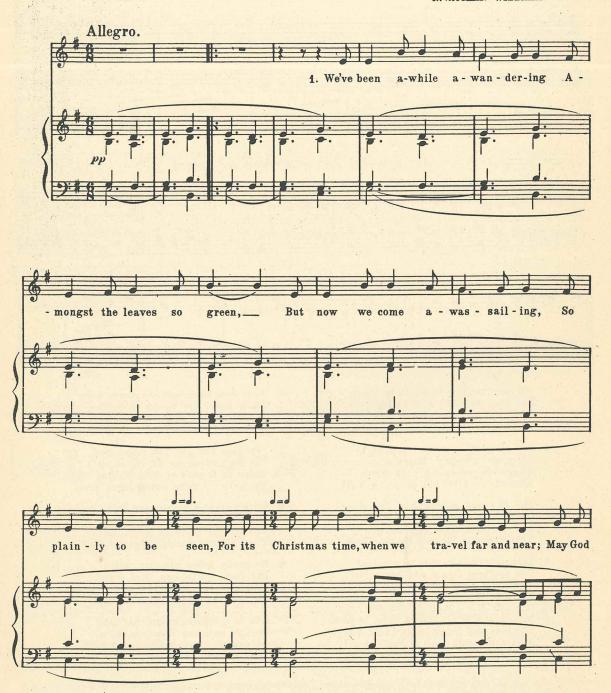
For a different version of the text with another tune, see Sharp English Folk-carols, VIII.

Melody and first verse of text from Mr Hall, Castleton, Derbyshire.

8. WASSAIL SONG.

(YORKSHIRE.)

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This accompaniment may also be performed by voices, vocalising on "Ah" or singing with closed lips.

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We've been awhile a-wandering
Amongst the leaves so green,
But now we come a-wassailing,
So plainly to be seen;
For it's Christmas time, when we travel far and near;
May God bless you and send you a happy New Year.

We are not daily beggars
That beg from door to door;
We are your neighbours children,
For we've been here before;
For it's, etc.

We've got a little purse, Made of leathern ratchin skin; We want a little of your money To line it well within; For it's, etc.

Call up the butler of this house, Likewise the mistress too, And all the little children That round the table go; For it's, etc.

Bring us out a table And spread it with a cloth, Bring us out a mouldy cheese And some of your Christmas loaf; For it's, etc.

Good master and good mistress, While you're sitting by the fire, Pray think of us poor children That's wandered in the mire; For it's, etc.

Text completed from another Yorkshire version sung to another tune.
For another version of the text with a different tune see English County Songs.
Melody and text from singers (names not known) near Hooton Roberts, Yorkshire.

Dedicated to CECIL SHARP.

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