

THE WEXFORD CAROL

Traditional, 16th Century or earlier

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1. Good peo - ple all, — this Christ - mas time, Con - sid - er well, and bear in mind,
 2. The night be - fore — that hap - py tide, The no - ble Vir - gin and her guide
 3. Let all your songs — and prais - es be, Un - to his Heav'n - ly — Ma - je - sty;

What our good God — for us has done, In send - ing his — be - lov - ed Son.
 Were long time seek - ing up and down To find a lodg - ing in the town.
 And ev - er - more, — a - mongst our mirth, Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior's birth.

With Ma - ry ho - ly, we should pray To God with love this Christ - mas day;
 But mark how all things came to pass: From ev - 'ry door re - pelled A - las!
 That night the Vir - gin Ma - ry mild, Was safe de - liv - er'd of a child;

In Beth - le - hem — up - on that morn, There was a bless - ed Mes - si - ah born.
 As long fore - told — their ref - uge all Was but a hum - ble ox - 's stall.
 Ac - cord - ing un - to Heav'n's de - cree, Man's sweet sal - va - tion for to be.

4. Near Beth - le - hem— did shep - herds keep Their flocks of lambs and feed - ing sheep;
 5. With thank - ful heart— and joy - ful mind, The shep - herds went the babe to find,
 6. See how the Lord— of Heav'n and earth, Show'd him - self low - ly— in His birth;

To whom God's an - gels did ap - pear, Which put the shep - herds in great fear.
 And as God's an - gels had fore - told, They did our Sav - ior Christ be - hold.
 A sweet ex - am - ple for man - kind, To learn to bear— a hum - ble mind.

"Pre - pare and go," the an - gels said, "To Beth - le - hem. Be— not a - fraid
 With - in a man - ger he was laid, And by His side the vir - gin maid
 If quires of An - gels did re - joice, Well may man - kind with heart and voice

For there you'll find— this hap - py morn A prince - ly babe sweet Je - sus born."
 At - tend - ing on— the Lord of Life Who came to earth to end all strife.
 Sing prais - es to— the God of Heav'n, That un - to us— His Son has giv'n.

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