

## The Moon Shines Bright

The musical notation is written on two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'The moon shines bright and the stars give a light A little before it was day Our Lord our God he called up-on us And bids us a-wake and pray.'

2. Awake, awake good people all  
Awake and you shall hear  
Our Lord our God he died on the cross  
For those whom he lov-ed so dear.
3. And for the saving of our souls  
Christ died upon the cross  
We ne'er shall do for Jesus Christ  
What he has done for us.
4. The life of man is but a span  
'Tis cut down like a flower  
We are here today and we're gone tomorrow  
We are all dead in an hour.
5. To teach your children well, dear man  
The while that you are here  
'Twill be better for your souls, dear man  
When your corpse lies on the bier.
6. My carol's done and I must be gone  
I can stay no longer here  
So God bless you all both great and small  
And send you a happy New Year.

Source: Emily Bishop, Bromsberrow Heath, 13th October 1952, collected by Peter Kennedy