

A Virgin Unspotted

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told, should bring forth a Sav - iour which - - now - - we be - - hold.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

(repeat tune)

To be our Redeemer, from death, hell and sin
Which Adam's transgressions had wrap-ped us in.

Chorus (same tune):

So let us be merry, cast sorrows away.
Our Saviour, Christ Jesus, is born on this day.

2. At Bethlehem city in Jewry it was
That Joseph and Mary together did pass,
All for to be tax'd with many one more
Great Caesar commanded the same should be so.
3. But when they had entered the city so fair,
A number of people so mighty was there,
That Joseph and Mary, whose substance was small,
Could find in the inn there no lodging at all.
4. Then were they constrained in a stable to lie,
Where horses and asses they used for to tie;
Their lodging so simple they took it no scorn,
But against the next morning our Savior was born.
5. The King of all kings to this world being brought,
Small store of fine linen to wrap Him was sought,
But when she had swaddled her young Son so sweet,
Within an ox manger she laid Him to sleep.
6. Then God sent an angel from Heaven so high,
To certain poor shepherds in fields where they lie,
And bade them no longer in sorrow to stay,
Because that our Savior was born on this day.
7. Then presently after the shepherds did spy
Vast numbers of angels to stand in the sky;
They joyfully talk'd and sweetly did sing,
To God be all glory, our heavenly King.
8. To teach us humility all this was done,
And learn we from thence haughty pride for to shun:
A manger His cradle Who came from above,
The great God of mercy, of peace and of love.

Source: Sung by Harold Boucher (81) of Staunton. Collected by Gwilym Davies in Churchdown in January 1989.
Notes: Tune, first verse and chorus only from Mr Boucher. Remainder from another source.

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