

A virgin most pure

Traditional English carol

Arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

1 A vir - gin most pure, as the pro - phets do tell, hath brought forth a
 2 In Beth - le - hem Jew - ry a ci - ty there was, where Jo - seph and
 3 But when they had en - tered the ci - ty so fair, a num - ber of
 4 Then they were con - strained in a sta - ble to lie, where hors - es and

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 ba - by, as it hath be - fell; to be our Re - deem - er from
 Ma - ry to - geth - er did pass, and there to be tax - ed with
 peo - ple so might - y was there, that Jo - seph and Ma - ry, whose
 ass - es they used for to tie; their lodg - ing so sim - ple they

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 death, hell, and sin, which A - dam's trans - gres - sion had wrap - ped us in.
 ma - ny one mo, for Cae - sar com - mand - ed the same should be so.
 sub - stance was small, could find in the inn there no lodg - ing at all.
 took it no scorn, but a - gainst the next morn - ing our Sa - vior was born.

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 Aye, and there - fore be mer - ry; re - joice and be you mer - ry; set sor - row a -

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 side: Christ Je - sus our Sa - vior was born at this tide.

5 The King of all kings to this world be - ing brought, small store of fine
 6 Then God sent an an - gel from hea - ven so high, to cer - tain poor
 7 Then pres - ent - ly af - ter the shep - herds did spy a num - ber of

lin - en to wrap him was sought; and when she had swad - dled her
 shep - herds in fields where they lie, and bade them no long - er in
 an - gels that stood in the sky; they joy - ful - ly talk - ed and

12 young son so sweet, with - in an ox - man - ger she laid him to sleep.
 sor - row to stay, be - cause that our Sa - vior was born on this day.
 sweet - ly did sing, 'To God be all glo - ry our hea - ven - ly King.'

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24 side: Christ Je - sus our Sa - vior was born at this tide.