

A carol for Christmas Eve

Traditional

SEMI-CHORUS

mf 1. The Lord at first had Ad - am made Out of the dust and clay, And

in his nos - trils breath - ed life, E'en as the Scrip - tures say.

p And then in E - den's Pa - ra - dise He pla - ced him to dwell, That

he with - in it should re - main, To dress and keep it well.

CHORUS

ff Now let good Chris - tians all be - gin A ho - lier life to live, And
to re - joice and mer - ry be, For this is Christ - mas Eve.

2. And thus within the garden he
Was set, therein to stay;
And in commandment unto him
These words the Lord did say:
"The fruit which in the garden grows
To thee shall be for meat,
Except the tree in midst thereof,
Of which thou shalt not eat."
Now let good Christians, &c.
3. "For in the day thou shalt in touch
Or dost to it come nigh,
If so thou do but eat thereof,
Then thou shalt surely die."
But Adam he did take no heed
Unto that only thing,
But did transgress God's holy Law,
And so was wrapt in sin.
Now let good Christians, &c.
4. Now mark the goodness of the Lord,
Which He to mankind bore;
His mercy soon He did extend,
Lost man for to restore:
And therefore to redeem our souls
From death and hell and thrall,
He said His own dear Son should be
The Saviour of us all.
Now let good Christians, &c.
5. Which promise now is brought to pass;
Christians, believe it well:
And by the death of God's dear Son,
We are redeemed from Hell.
So if we truly do believe,
And do the thing that's right,
Then by His merits we at last
Shall live in Heaven bright.
Now let good Christians, &c.
6. And now the tide is nigh at hand,
In which our Saviour came;
Let us rejoice and merry be
In keeping of the same;
Let's feed the poor and hungry souls,
And such as do it crave;
And when we die, in heaven we
Our sure reward shall have.
Now let good Christians, &c.