

# THE WEXFORD CAROL

Carol for SATB Unaccompanied Choir

TRADITIONAL IRISH | c. 15th/16th century

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1. Good people all, this Christmas time, Consider well and bear in mind What our good God for us has done In sending His beloved Son With Mary holy we should pray, To God with love this Christmas Day In Bethlehem upon that morn, There was a blessed Messiah born.	2. The night before that happy tide, The noble virgin and her guide Were long time seeking up and down To find a lodging in the town. But mark how all things come to pass From every door repelled, alas, As was foretold, their refuge all Was but a humble ox's stall.	3. Near Bethlehem did sherpherds keep Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep To whom God's angels did appear Which put the shepherds in great fear Prepare and go, the angels said To Bethlehem, be not afraid For there you'll find, this happy morn A princely Babe, sweet Jesus, born.	4. With thankful heart and joyful mind The shepherds went the babe to find And as God's angel had foretold They did our Saviour Christ behold Within a manger he was laid And by his side the virgin maid Attending on the Lord of Life Who came on Earth to end all strife.
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With a gentle flow (c. ♩ = 84)

*f* declamatory

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

PIANO (reh. only)

Good peo - ple all, this Christ-mas time, Con - si - der well and bear in

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Good peo - ple all, this Christ-mas time, Con - si - der, bear in

With a gentle flow (c. ♩ = 84)

*f*

5

*mp sub.* *f*

mind What our good God for us has done In send-ing His be - lov - ed

*mp sub.* *f*

mind What our good God for us has done In send-ing His be - lov - ed

*mp sub.* *f*

mind What our good God for us has done In send-ing His be - lov - ed

*mp sub.* *f*

mind What our good God for us has done Send his be - lov - ed

*mp* *f*

9

*p poco sotto voce*

Son With Ma - ry ho - ly we should pray, To God with love this

*p poco sotto voce*

Son With Ma - ry ho - ly we should pray, To God with love this

*p poco sotto voce*

Son With Ma - ry ho - ly we, we should pray To God with love this

*p poco sotto voce*

Son With Ma - ry ho - ly we, we should pray To God with love this

*p*

13

*f* *mp* *poco*

Christ-mas Day In Beth-le-hem u - pon that morn, There was a bless'd Mes - si - ah

*f* *mp* *poco*

Christ-mas day In Beth-le-hem u - pon that morn, There was a bless'd Mes - si - ah

*f* *mp* *poco*

8 Christ-mas day In Beth-le-hem u - pon that morn, A \_\_\_\_\_ bless'd Mes - si - ah

*f* *mp* *poco*

Christ-mas day Beth-le-hem u - pon that morn, A \_\_\_\_\_ bless'd Mes - si - ah

*f* *mp* *poco*

17

*p* *mp* *mf* *mp*

born. The night be-fore that hap - py tide, The no - ble vir - gin and her

*p* *mp* *mf* *mp*

born. The night be-fore that hap - py tide, The no - ble vir - gin and her

*p* *mp* *mf* *mp*

8 born. The night be - fore that hap - py tide, The no - ble vir - gin and her

*p* *mp* *mf* *mp*

born. The night be - fore that hap - py tide, The vir - gin and her

17

*p* *mp* *mf* *mp*

21

*mp* *mf*

guide Were long time seek - ing up and down To find a lodg - ing in the

*mp* *mf*

guide Were long time seek - ing up and down To find a lodg - ing in the

*mp* *mf*

guide Were long time seek - ing up and down To find a lodg - ing in the

*mp* *mf*

guide Were long time seek - ing up and down Find, find a lodg - ing in the

25

*mp poco marc.* *mf più legato*

town. But mark how all things come to pass From e - v'ry door re -

*mp poco marc.* *mf più legato*

town. But mark how all things come to pass From e - ve - ry door re -

*mp poco marc.* *mf più legato*

town. But mark how all things come, come to pass From e - v'ry door re -

*mp poco marc.* *mf più legato*

town. But mark how all things come, come to pass From e - v'ry door re -

29

*f sub.* *mf warmer* *p*

pelled, a - las, As was fore-told, their re-fuge all Was but a hum - ble ox - 's

*f sub.* *mf warmer* *p*

pelled, a - las, As was fore-told, their re-fuge all Was but a hum - ble ox - 's

*f sub.* *mf warmer* *p*

8 pelled, a - las, As was fore-told, their re-fuge all, A hum - ble ox - 's

*f sub.* *mf warmer* *p*

pelled, a - las, Was fore-told, their re-fuge all, A hum - ble ox - 's

*f* *mf* *p*

33

*p with energy*

stall. Near Beth - le - hem did shep-herds keep Their flocks of lambs and feed-ing

*p with energy*

stall. Near Beth - le - hem did shep-herds keep Their flocks of lambs and feed-ing

*p with energy*

8 stall. Near Beth - le - hem did shep - herds keep Their flocks of lambs and feed - ing

*p with energy*

stall. Near Beth - le - hem did shep-herds keep Their flock of feed-ing

33

*p*