

A Virgin Most Pure.

Bars are not numbered in the book.

Trad., arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Sop.



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Sop. A - dam's trans - gres - sion had wrap - pèd us in. Aye, and there - fore be
Cae - sar com - mand - ed the same should be so.

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Sop. mer - ry; Re - joice and be you mer - ry; Set sor - row a - side! Christ Je - sus our
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mer - ry, Re - joice and be you mer - ry; Set sor - row a - side! Christ Je - sus our

Bass mer - ry, Re - joice and be ye mer - ry, Set sor - row a - side! Christ Je - sus our
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Sop. Sa - viour was born at this tide.

Alto Sa - viour was born at this tide.

Tenor Sa - viour was born at this tide.

Bass Sa - viour was born at this tide.

See next page for verses 3 to 7. The refrain (beginning with the upbeat to bar 17, after the double bar) is repeated after each verse.

3. But when they had enter'd 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.
Aye, and therefore [etc.]

4. Then they were constrain'd in a stable to lie,
Where horses and asses they us'd for to tie;
Their lodging so simple they took it no scorn,
But against the next morning our Saviour was born.
Aye, and therefore [etc.]

5. The King of all kings to this world being brought,
Small store of fine linen to wrap him was sought;
And when she had swaddled her young son so sweet,
Within an ox-manger she laid him to sleep.
Aye, and therefore [etc.]

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 Saviour was born on this day.
Aye, and therefore [etc.]

7. Then, presently after, the shepherds did spy
A number of angels that stood in the sky;
They joyfully talkèd and sweetly did sing,
'To God be all glory, our heavenly King.'
Aye, and therefore [etc.]