

Wexford Carol

Irish trad.

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Good peo - ple _ all, this Christ - mas - time, Con - si - der well _ and bear in mind What
our good _ God for us has done, In send - ing his _ be - lo - ved Son. With
Ma - ry ho - - ly we should pray To _ God with love _ this Christ - mas Day; In
Beth - le - hem _ up - on that morn There was a bless - ed Mes - si - ah born.

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 won.
But mark how all things came to pass:
From ev'ry door repell'd alas!
As long foretold, their refuge all
Was but an humble ox's stall.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds 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.'

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.