

# 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.

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