

The Lord at first did Adam make

Words traditional

Tune traditional

The Lord at first did Ad - am make Out of the dust and clay, And

The first system of musical notation features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a five-line staff, with lyrics placed below the notes. The bass line is written on a five-line staff below the treble staff, providing harmonic support. The lyrics for this system are: "The Lord at first did Ad - am make Out of the dust and clay, And".

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics for this system are: "in his nos - trils breath - ed life, E'en as the Scrip - tures say. And".

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

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics for this system are: "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:

The fourth and final system of musical notation concludes the hymn. The lyrics for this system are: "he with - in it should re - main, To dress and keep it well:". The piece ends with a double bar line.

CHORUS

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 all begin
A holier life to live,
And to rejoice and merry be,
For this is Christmas Eve.*

3. "For in the day thou shalt it touch,
Or do it then come nigh,
And if that thou dost 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 all begin
A holier life to live,
And to rejoice and merry be,
For this is Christmas Eve.*

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 hellish thrall,
He said his own dear Son should be
The Saviour of us all:

*Now let good Christians all begin
A holier life to live,
And to rejoice and merry be,
For this is Christmas Eve.*

5. 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 all begin
A holier life to live,
And to rejoice and merry be,
For this is Christmas Eve.*