


A Virgin unspotted

Traditional



1. A Vir - gin un - spot - ted, the Pro - phet fore - told, Should bring forth a

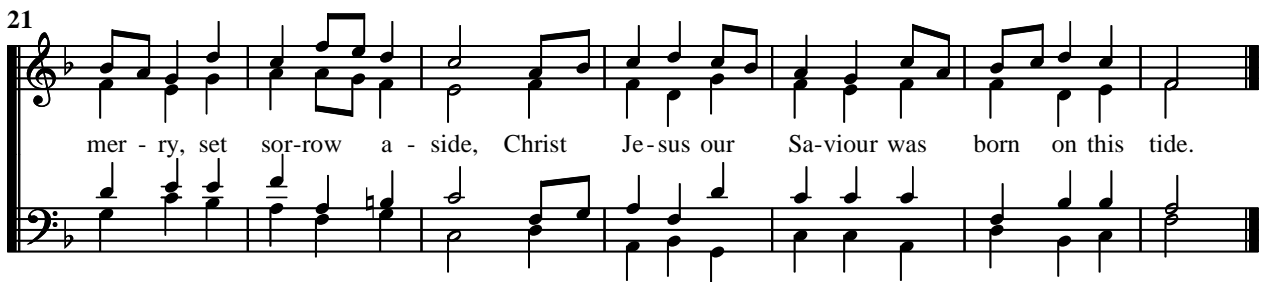


7 Sav - iour, which now we be - hold, To be our Re - deem - er from death, hell, and



14 sin, Which A - dam's trans - gres - sion had wrap - ped us in. Aye and there - fore be

CHORUS



21 mer - ry, set sor - row a - side, Christ Je - sus our Sa - viour was born on this tide.

2. At Bethlehem city in Jewry it was
That Joseph and Mary together did pass,
All for to be taxed with many one moe,
Great Cæsar commanded the same should be so.
Aye and therefore, &c.
3. But when they had entered 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, &c.
4. There were they constrained in a stable to lie,
Where horses and asses they used for to tie:
Their lodging so simple they took it no scorn,
But against the next morning our Saviour was born.
Aye and therefore, &c.
5. The King of all kings to this world being brought,
Small store of fine linen to wrap Him was sought;
But when she had swaddled her young Son so sweet,
Within an ox manger she laid Him to sleep.
Aye and therefore, &c.
6. Then God sent an angel from Heaven so high,
To certain poor shepherds in fields where to lie,
And bade them no longer in sorrow to stay,
Because that our Saviour was born on this day.
Aye and therefore, &c.
7. Then presently after the shepherds did spy
Vast numbers of angels so stand in the sky;
They joyfully talked and sweetly did sing,
To God be all glory, our heavenly King.
Aye and therefore, &c.
8. To teach us humility all this was done,
And learn we from thence haughty pride for to shun:
A manger His cradle who came from above,
The great God of mercy, of peace, and of love.
Aye and therefore, &c.