

The Lord at first did Adam make

Words traditional

Tune traditional

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

The first system of musical notation features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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

The second system continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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

The third system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

he with-in it should re-main, To dress and keep it well:

The fourth system concludes the hymn. It features a change in time signature from 4/4 to 3/2 for the final two measures. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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.*