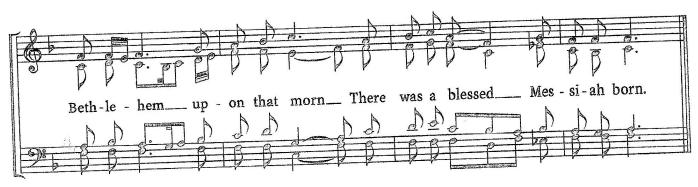
Good people all, this Christmastime (The Enniscorthy Christmas Carol)



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- 1. Good people all, this Christmastime,
 Consider well and bear in mind
 What our good God for us has done
 In sending his beloved Son.
 With Mary holy we should pray
 To God, with love, this Christmas Day:
 In Bethlehem upon that morn
 There was a blessed Messiah born.
- 2. The night before the happy tide
 The noble Virgin and her guide
 Were-a long time seeking up and down
 To find a lodging in the town.
 But hark how all things come to pass:
 From every door repelled, alas!
 As long foretold, their refuge all
 Was but a humble ox's stall.
- 3. 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."

- 4. With thankful heart and joyful mind The shepherds went the Babe to find And, as God's angels 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.
- 5. There were three wise men from afar,
 Directed by a glorious star,
 Came boldly on and made no stay
 Until they came where Jesus lay.
 And when they came unto that place,
 And looked with love on Jesus' face,
 In faith they humbly knelt to greet,
 With gifts of gold and incense sweet.
 - 6. Come, let us then our tribute pay
 To our good God, as well we may,
 For all his grace and mercy shown
 Through-his Son to us, till then unknown;
 And when through life we wend our way
 'Mid trials and sufferings, day by day,
 In faith and hope, whate'er befall,
 We'll wait in peace his holy call.

The text is as sung in 1912 by a Fr. Patrick Cummins; he had learned the words and tune from his mother, who in turn had been thaugt them by hers. It is taken from a modern broadside published by the County Wexford Museum.