

# The Wexford Carol

as in W. H. Shawcross,  
*A Garland of the Old Castleton Christmas Carols* (1904)

trad. Irish, arr. Matthew Guerrieri

Andante ♩=75 or so

Voice

Good peo- ple\_ all, this Christ-mas-time, Con - sid-er well\_ and

Andante ♩=75 or so

Piano

*mp*

*with plenty of pedal*

6

bear in mind What our good God for us has done in send-ing his\_ be - lov-ed Son. With

11

Ma-ry ho - ly we should pray To\_ God with love\_ this Christ-mas day; In Beth-le-hem up-

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16

on that morn There was a bless-ed Mes - si - ah born.\_\_\_\_\_ The

*dolce*

This musical system covers measures 16 to 20. It features a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a more complex treble line with many beamed notes. A *dolce* marking is placed above the piano accompaniment in measure 19.

21

night be-fore that hap-py tide The no-ble Vir - gin and her guide Were long time seek - ing

This musical system covers measures 21 to 25. It continues the vocal and piano parts from the previous system. The piano accompaniment maintains its rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the bass and beamed notes in the treble.

26

up and down To find a lodg - ing in the town. But mark how all things came to pass; From

This musical system covers measures 26 to 30. It concludes the vocal and piano parts shown on this page. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note bass line and beamed treble notes.

31

ev - ery door re - pelled, a - las! As long fore told, their re - fuge all was but a hum - ble

36

ox - 's stall. \_\_\_\_\_ Near Beth - le - hem did

41

shep - herds keep Their flocks of lambs and feed - ing sheep; To whom God's an - gels did ap - pear, Which

46

put the shep-herds in great fear. "Pre-pare and go," the an-gels said, "To\_ Beth-le- hem, be

51

not a- fraid; For there you'll find, this hap-py morn, A prince-ly babe, sweet Je sus born."\_

56

With thank- ful heart and joy ful mind, The shep-herds went the

*gently pealing*

↑  
catch with sost. pedal,  
sustain until end

61

babe to find, And as God's an - gel had fore-told, They did our sav - iour Christ be-hold. With

66

in a man - ger he was laid, And by his side the vir-gin maid, At-tend-ing on the

71

Lord of life, Whocame to earth to end all strife.

*poco rall.*

*dim. al fine*

*pp*