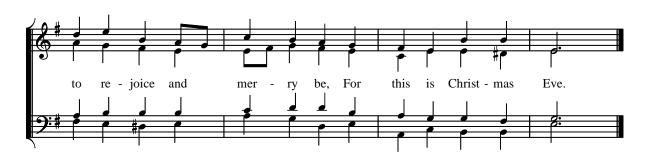
A carol for Christmas Eve

Traditional



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- 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, &c.
- 3. "For in the day thou shalt in touch Or dost to it come nigh,
 If so thou do but 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, &c.
- 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 hell and thrall,
 He said His own dear Son should be
 The Saviour of us all.
 Now let good Christians, &c.

- 5. Which promise now is brought to pass; Christians, believe it well:
 And by the death of God's dear Son,
 We are redeemed from Hell.
 So if we truly do believe,
 And do the thing that's right,
 Then by His merits we at last
 Shall live in Heaven bright.
 Now let good Christians, &c.
- 6. 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, &c.