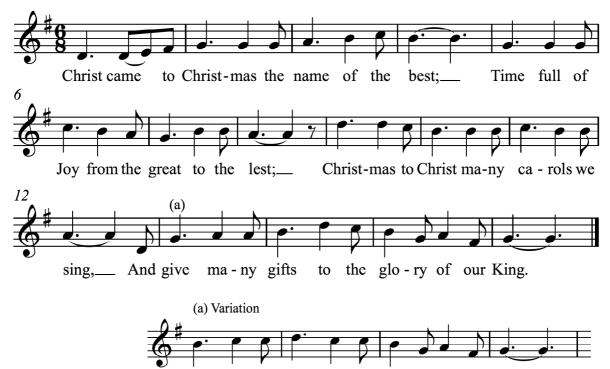
Christ Came To Christmas

Collected by Cecil Sharp 2-April-1912

Sung by Peter Gill (83) of Sheepscombe, Glos Recorded at the Stroud Union



Christ came to Christmas the name of the best; Time full of joy from the great to the lest; At Christmas was Christ, our Saviour, born, The world through sin altogether forlorn. (x2)

At Christmas the days do begin to take length, Of Christ doth religion, chiefly take strength: As Christmas is only a figure or trope, So only in Christ is the strength of our hope. (x2)

At Christmas we banquet, the rich with the poor, Who then, but the miser, but openeth his door? Christmas to Christ, many carols we sing, And give many gifts to the glory of our King (x2)

At Christmas, in Christ we rejoice, and be glad, As only of whom our comfort is had: At Christmas, we joy altogether with mirth, For his sake, that joyed us all with his birth. (x2)

Of Christ cometh Christmas, the name with the feast, A time full of joy, to the greatest and least (the above two lines are original Tusser poem)

At Christmas, of Christ many carols we sing, And give many gifts, in the joy of that king. (the above two lines are original Tusser poem)

Song for Singing prepared by GlosSongs.(tune transposed to G) and using words from Tusser's poem Source: Sharp, manuscript copy ref FT2762 recorded at Stroud Union. Singer gave his age as 83.

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Christ Came To Christmas (for Quire)

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Sung by Peter Gill (83) of Sheepscombe, Glos Recorded at the Stroud Union



to Christ-mas the name Time full of Christ came of the best;___ 2. At Christ- mas the days do be- gin length, to take Of Christ doth re-3 At we ban- quet, the rich with the Christ- mas poor , Who then, but the Christ- mas, in Christ we re-joice, and be 4 At glad . As on - ly of



joy from the great to the lest__; t Christmas was Christ,our Sav- i - our, lig - i - on, chief-ly take strength: Christmas is on - ly a fig- ure or mi- ser, but op'neth his door__? Christmas to Christ, ma- ny car- ols we whom our__ com-fort is had__: At Christmas,we joy al- to -ge -ther with



born___, The world through sin al - to- ge - ther__ for - lorn___. trope___, So on - ly in Christ is the stre-ngth of our hope___. sing____, And give ma - ny gifts to the glo - ry of our King___. mirth__, For his sake, that joy - ed us all___ with his birth_.



World through sin al – to – ge – ther_ for – lorn__.

On - ly in Christ is the stre-ngth of our hope__.

Give ma - ny gifts to the glo -ry of our King__.

His sake, that joy - ed us a - ll with his birth__.

Song for QUIRE Singing prepared by GlosSongs.(tune transposed to G) and using words from Tusser's poem Source: Sharp, manuscript copy ref FT2762 recorded at Stroud Union. Singer gave his age as 83.

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