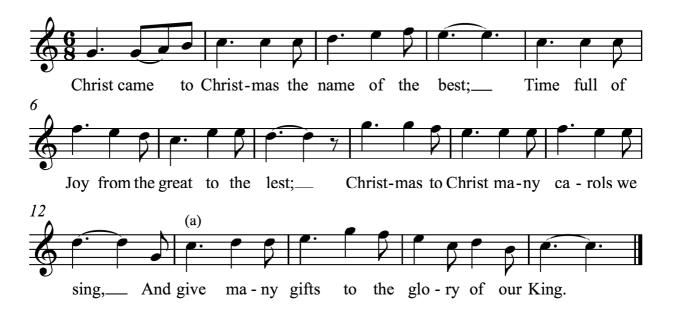
Christ Came To Christmas (as collected)

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; Christmas to Christ, many carols we sing, And give many gifts to the glory of our King.

Song as collected by Cecil Sharp.

Source: Sharp, manuscript copy ref FT2762

Notes:

- 1. Age as given by Cecil Sharp on collected copy
- 2. Peter Gill was born in Sheepscombe and lived in the village until his wife died in the 1890s. Hence we have noted this as a Sheepscombe song
- 3. Sharp only collected one verse of this Carol on 2 April 1912 in Stroud Union
- 4. There are no notes as to how the variation is to be used
- 5. It is a version, unique in oral tradition, of a 16th Century poem by Thomas Tusser, put at some stage to music.
- 6. The Roud index lists the song as 'Christ Came At Christmas', however the original Cecil Sharp manuscript uses 'Christ Came To Christmas'

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