

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 Christ-mas the name of the best;— Time full of

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Joy from the great to the lest;— Christ-mas to Christ ma-ny ca - rols we

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(a)

sing,— And give ma - ny gifts to the glo - ry of our King.

(a) Variation

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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