

## (The) Virgin Unspotted (as collected)

Collected by Cecil Sharp 11-April-1908

Sung by Mrs Elizabeth Smitherd (65)  
(also 'Smetherd' & 'Smithers' ) of Tewkesbury, Glos

A musical score for the song 'The Virgin Unspotted'. It consists of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'A virgin un-spotted the - pro - phet fore- told, Shall bring forth a saviour which now - we be- hold, To be our - re- deem - er from - death Hell and - sin, Which Ad - am's trans- gressions in - vol - ved us in. Then let us - be mer - ry cast sorrow a - way, Our sav - iour Christ Jesus was - born - on that day.'

A virgin unspotted the prophet foretold,  
Shall bring forth a saviour which now we behold.  
To be our redeemer from death, Hell and sin,  
Which Adam's transgressions involved us in.  
*Then let us be merry cast sorrow away,  
Our saviour Christ Jesus was born on that day.*

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*Source: Sharp, manuscript copy ref FT1645*

*Notes:*

- 1. Age provided by singer*
- 2. Only the verse one is noted by Sharp*
- 3. Elizabeth Smitherd has various spellings of her name in manuscript, including 'Smithers' and 'Smetherd'*

*Audit Transcription provided by Richard Sermon. /HT Oct 2012/Checked GD*