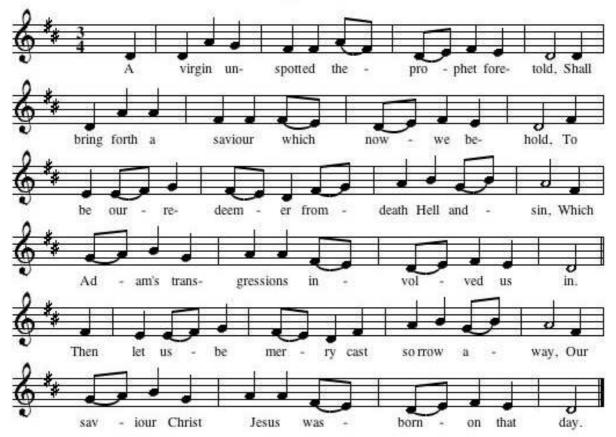
(The) Virgin Unspotted (as collected)

Collected by Cecil Sharp 11-April-1908

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



A 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'

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