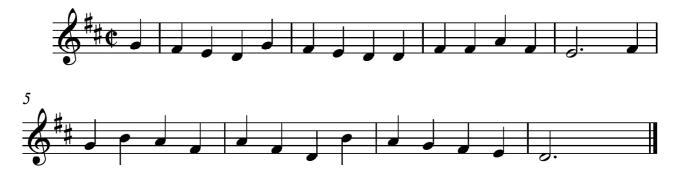
The Moon Shines Bright (a singing version)

Collected by Cecil Sharp 2-April-1912

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



 The moon shines bright, and the stars give a light A little before it was day Our Lord our God he called on us And bid us awake and pray.

2. Awake, Awake! good people all Awake and you shall hear Our Lord, Our God died on the cross, For us whom he loved so dear

3. O fair, O fair Jerusalem,When shall I come to thee?When shall my sorrows have an end,Thy joy that I may see.

4. The fields were green as green could be,When from his glorious seat,Our Lord our God he watered us,With His heavenly dew so sweet.

5. And for the saving of our souls Christ died upon the cross, We ne'er shall do for Jesus Christ As he has done for us. 6. The life of man is but a span,And cut down in his flower,We are here to-day, to-morrow we are gone,We are all dead in an hour.

7. O pray teach well your children, manThe while that you are here;It will be better for your soulsWhen your corpse lies on the bier.

8. To-day you may be alive dear manWorth many a thousand pound.To-morrow may be dead dear man,And your body laid under ground.

9. With a turf at your head, O man, And another at your feet; Thy good deeds and thy bad, O man, Will all together meet.

10. My carol is done, I must be gone,I can stay no longer here;God bless you all both great and small,And send you a joyful New Year.

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Song for singing. Tune as collected by Cecil Sharp with words added by GlosChristmas

Source: Sharp, manuscript copy ref FT2761 (Sharp write down no words but on his manuscripts says 'Sung to the

Jerusalem and later verses – not the two opening ones)

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