

# 'A Dorset Christmas' Song Sheet

## **Hark Hark!**

*From the Hinton St Mary manuscripts.  
Edited by A.D. Townsend 2016*

Hark Hark!  
How sweet the sound comes in  
With news to man from heaven  
To sinful state of human race  
Sweet Jesus Christ was given  
The King of kings and Lord of lords  
This day was born to save  
Our precious souls and give them rest,  
and give them rest  
And peace beyond the grave

See See!  
The shepherds in the fields  
Behold a mighty throng  
Of angels praising God who thus  
Addressed their joyful song  
The King of kings and Lord of lords  
This day was born to save  
Our precious souls and give them rest,  
and give them rest  
And peace beyond the grave

Sound Sound!  
Your instruments of joy  
The trumpet pipe and drum  
And spread the news to ev'ry land  
Sweet Jesus Christ is born  
The King of kings and Lord of lords  
This day was born to save  
Our precious souls and give them rest,  
and give them rest  
And peace beyond the grave

## **Hail Happy Morn**

*Lyrics and music from the carol book of James Saunders  
at Puddletown, 1842.*

Hail happy morn thrice happy we  
Who from our bondage are set free  
From Jesse's side doth spring a ray  
And turn our darksome nights to day

*(chorus x 2)*

*Sweet hallelujah let us sing  
Sweet hallelujah let us sing  
To God our saviour and our King*

Hail mighty Prince eternal King  
Let heaven and earth rejoice and sing  
Angels and men with one accord  
Break forth in songs to praise the lord

*(chorus x 2)*

Hark a glad voice the sinner cheers  
Prepare a way a God appears  
The dumb doth speak the dead are raised  
The lame doth walk and sing his praise

*(chorus x 2)*



## While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night

*From the Martinstown manuscripts 1835*

While Shepherds watched their flocks by  
night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone a-round

'Fear not,' said he, for mighty dread  
Had seiz'd their troubled mind,  
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring.  
To you and all mankind.

'To you, in David's town this day  
Is born of David's line  
The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,  
And this shall be the sign.

'All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men  
Begin and never cease



## The Green Man song

*Words from the family of Dorothy Lawrence.*

*Tune by Tim Laycock, arranged by Phil Humphries, 2016.*

A man all garbed in living green  
From head to toe be dight  
Wi' Ivy leaves and Holly  
His antlered head, though no gaud he,  
Bedizened wi' a thousand berries bright,  
Will roam abroad this Yule Tide Night  
Heigh Ho! Heigh Ho! let us all be Jolly!

If he should come a-knocking,  
Do not let him in  
Wi' Ivy Leaves and Holly  
If he do glimpse your daughters fair,  
Mayhap he'll snare them by their hair  
And tempt them-follow me, follow me  
Come lasses, gang with me  
Heigh Ho! Heigh Ho! let us all be Jolly!

Green Man's a jocund fellow though  
Wi' twinkling eye and merry laugh  
Wi' Ivy leaves and Holly  
He'll chuck your lasses neath the chin,  
Then steal a kiss and let 'em go,  
But do not let him in Do Not let him in  
Heigh Ho Heigh Ho! let us all be Jolly!

For all young gals are all aglow  
Through the green wood for to go  
Wi' Ivy Leaves and Holly  
And will with glee accompany a likely,  
gradely swain as he

Heigh Ho Heigh Ho,  
The Holly!  
Now let us all be jolly  
E'en though it ends in folly  
Heigh Ho Heigh Ho,  
Heigh Ho Heigh Ho,  
Heigh Ho Hey Ho  
Let us all be Jolly!

## Behold! Good News to Man is Come

*From the Hardy Family manuscripts.  
Arranged by Phil Humphries. 2019*

Behold! Good news to Man is come,  
A wonder shall be born,  
a wonder shall be born.  
While shepherds in the fields did wait  
to see the glorious morn,  
While shepherds in the fields did wait  
to see the glorious morn.

A-wake and celebrate the day that such a  
child was born that such a child was born,  
With solemn joy we gladly sing  
The glory of the morn,  
With solemn joy we gladly sing  
The glory of the morn.

Loud Hallelujah let us sing,  
Be praise and glory giv'n,  
Be praise and glory giv'n.  
Let saints on earth and angels sing the  
Harmony of Heav'n.  
Let saints on earth and angels sing the  
harmony of Heav'n.



## The Carol of the Ridgeway

*A new carol by Tim Laycock  
Arranged by Phil Humphries, 2014*

*(chorus)*  
*East to west and west to east  
Ship to shore and shore to Sea  
And one bright star  
Shining there for me*

All along the Ridgeway,  
on a winter's night  
The fox was on the rampart  
the moon was shining bright  
*(chorus)*

All along the Ridgeway  
on a Christmas eve  
The Five Marys singing  
their carol to the sea  
*(chorus)*

The Admiral is high and dry  
who fought so long ago  
The White King's riding Eastward,  
he's many miles to go  
*(chorus)*

The deer is in the stubble  
the fox is slipping by  
And somewhere in the dark  
you can hear a new- born cry  
*(chorus)*

Three ships sailed in to Weymouth Bay  
attracted by the light  
God preserve the mariner  
that sails the sea at night  
*(chorus)*

The pebbles on the Chesil  
are drawing with the tide  
We wish you peace and happiness  
this merry Wintertide.  
*(chorus)*

# Shepherds Keeping Watch by Night

*From A Collection of Dorset Carols, 1926, collected in the  
Piddle Valley. Arranged by W. A. Pickard Cambridge*

Shepherds keeping watch by night.  
Saw around a glorious light,  
Heard an angel voice exclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*(chorus)*

*Soon by many an angel tongue,  
Glory be to God was sung  
Glory, glory, glory,  
Glory be to God was Sung,  
Peace on earth! Good will to men!  
Christ is born in Bethlehem*

Oh, how great His grace and love  
Thus to leave His throne above,  
Thus to suffer grief and pain,  
And be born in Bethlehem!

*(chorus)*

Joyful tidings to mankind!  
Richest grace they now many find,  
Children shall declare the same  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem',

*(chorus)*

Give to God your warmest praise  
For this condescending grace,  
And your hearts with love inflame,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.

*(chorus)*

