

Wexford Carol

Traditional

D a d

D A G Am

Good peo - ple all this Christ - mas time, Con - sid - er well and bear in mind What

D Bm A D G D

our good God for us has done, In send - ing his be - lo - ved Son. With

C F Dm Am

Ma - ry ho - - ly we should pray To God with love this Christ - mas Day; In

D Bm A G D

Beth - le hem up - on the morn there was a bless - ed Mes - si - ah born.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a melodic line on a staff, a set of lyrics, and a three-line tablature for the dulcimer. The tablature uses numbers 0-4 for frets and symbols like '+' for natural harmonics. Chord diagrams are placed above the staff at the beginning of each system. The first system has chords D, A, G, and Am. The second system has D, Bm, A, D, G, and D. The third system has C, F, Dm, and Am. The fourth system has D, Bm, A, G, and D.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
 Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep
 To whom God's angels did appear
 Which put the shepherds in great fear
 'Prepare and go,' the angels said
 'To Bethlehem, be not afraid
 For there you'll find, this happy morn
 A princely babe, sweet Jesus born

With thankful heart and joyful mind
 The shepherds went, this babe to find
 And as God's angel had foretold
 They did our saviour Christ behold
 Within a manger he was laid
 And by his side the virgin maid
 Attending on the Lord of life
 Who came on earth to end all strife

Good people all, this Christmas time
 Consider well and bear in mind
 What our good God for us has done
 In sending his beloved Son
 With Mary holy we should pray
 To God with love this Christmas day
 In Bethlehem upon that morn
 There was a blessed Messiah born