

# 6. A VIRGIN MOST PURE

English traditional carol  
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SOPRANO  
ALTO

1. A vir - gin most pure, as the pro - phets do tell, Hath  
2. In Beth - le - hem Jew - ry a ci - ty there was, Where

TENOR  
BASS

brought forth a ba - by, as it hath be - fell; To be our Re -  
Jo - seph and Ma - ry to - geth - er did pass, And there to be

- deem - er from death, hell, and sin, Which A - dam's trans -  
tax - ed with ma - ny one mo, For Cae - sar com -

- gres - sion had wrap - ped us in. Aye, and there - fore be  
- mand - ed the same should be so.

\* In verse 4 these slurred notes must be split  
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3. But when they had enter'd the city so fair,  
A number of people so mighty was there,  
That Joseph and Mary, whose substance was small,  
Could find in the inn there no lodging at all.  
*Aye, and therefore, etc.*
4. Then they were constrain'd in a stable to lie,  
Where horses and asses they us'd for to tie;  
Their lodging so simple they took it no scorn,  
But against the next morning our Saviour was born.  
*Aye, and therefore, etc.*
5. The King of all kings to this world being brought,  
Small store of fine linen to wrap him was sought;  
And when she had swaddled her young son so sweet,  
Within an ox-manger she laid him to sleep.  
*Aye, and therefore, etc.*
6. Then God sent an angel from heaven so high,  
To certain poor shepherds in fields where they lie,  
And bade them no longer in sorrow to stay,  
Because that our Saviour was born on this day.  
*Aye, and therefore, etc.*
7. Then presently after the shepherds did spy  
A number of angels that stood in the sky;  
They joyfully talk'd and sweetly did sing,  
'To God be all glory our heavenly King.'  
*Aye, and therefore, etc.*