

# 31. PAST THREE A CLOCK

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Traditional carol  
harmonized by CHARLES WOOD

SOPRANO  
ALTO

TENOR  
BASS

*Past three a clock, And a cold fro-sty morn - ing: Past three a clock; Good*

*Fine*

*mor-row, mas-ters all!*

1. Born is a ba - by, Gen - tle as may be,  
2. Se - raph quire sing - eth, An - gel bell ring - eth:

Son — of — th' e - ter - nal Fa - ther su - per - nal.  
Hark — how — they rime — it, Time it, and chime it. *Past three a clock,*

3. Mid earth rejoices  
Hearing such voices  
Ne'ertofore so well  
Carolling *Nowell*.  
*Past three a clock, etc.*

4. Hinds o'er the pearly  
Dewy lawn early  
Seek the high stranger  
Laid in the manger.  
*Past three a clock, etc.*

5. Cheese from the dairy  
Bring they for Mary,  
And, not for money,  
Butter and honey.  
*Past three a clock, etc.*

6. Light out of star-land  
Leadeth from far land  
Princes, to meet him,  
Worship and greet him.  
*Past three a clock, etc.*

7. Myrrh from full coffer,  
Incense they offer:  
Nor is the golden  
Nugget withholden.  
*Past three a clock, etc.*

8. Thus they: I pray you,  
Up, sirs, nor stay you  
Till ye confess him  
Likewise, and bless him.  
*Past three a clock, etc.*

The refrain *Past three a clock* is old, but the other words are by G. R. W. The tune is *London Waits*, from W. Chappell's *Popular Music of the Olden Time*.

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