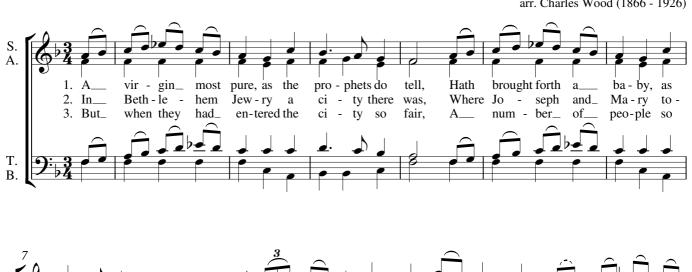
A virgin most pure

English traditional carol arr. Charles Wood (1866 - 1926)









4.

Then they were constrained in a stable to lie, Where horses and asses they used for to tie; Their lodging so simple they took it no scorn, But again the next morning our Saviour was born.

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.

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 sweet, Within an ox-manger she laid him to sleep.

Aye, and therefore, etc.

7.

Then presently after the shepherds did spy A number of angels that stood in the sky; They joyfully talkèd and sweetly did sing, 'To God be all glory our heavenly King.'

Aye, and therefore, etc.

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