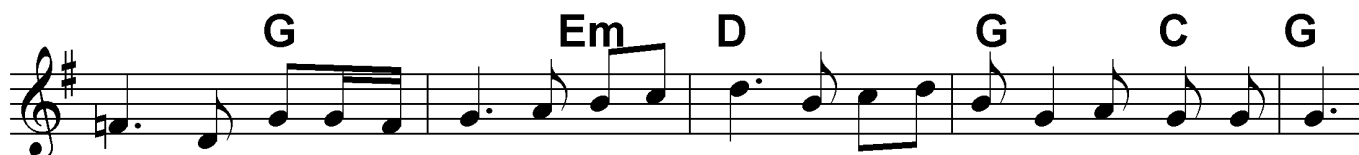


# The Wexford Carol

Traditional Irish, origins debated



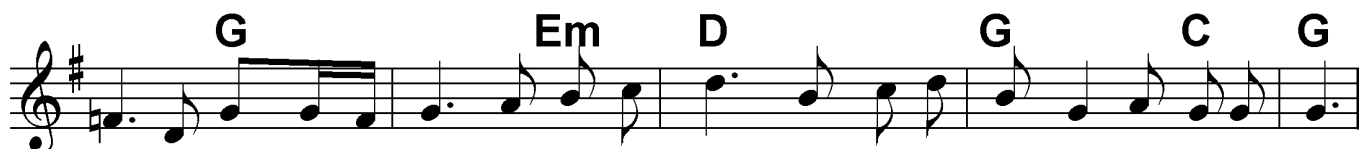
1. Good peo- ple all, this Christ-mas-time Con- sid - er well\_\_\_ and bear in
2. The night be - fore that hap-py tide, The no - ble Vir - gin and her
3. There were three wise men from a - far, Di - rect - ed by a glorious
4. Near Beth-le - hem did shepherds keep Their flocks of lambs and feeding
5. With thank - ful heart and joy-ful mind The shep - herds went, the babe to



mind What our good God for us has done, In send - ing His be - lov-ed Son.  
 guide Were long time seek-ing up and down, To find a lodg-ing in the town.  
 star, And on they wan-dered, night and day, Un - til they came where Je-sus lay,  
 sheep, To whom God's an - gels did ap - pear, Which put the shep-herds in great fear,  
 find, And as God's an - gels had foretold, They did our Sav-ior, Christ, behold.



With Ma - ry ho - ly, we should pray To God with love this Christmas  
 But mark how all things came to pass, From every door re-pelled, a-  
 And when they came un - to that place Where our be - loved Mes - si - ah  
 "Pre - pare and go," the an - gels said, "To Beth - le - hem, be not a  
 With - in a man - ger He was laid, And by His side the vir - gin



Day; In Beth - le - hem, Up-on that morn, There was a bless-ed Mes-si-ah born.  
 las! As long fore - told, there ref-uge all, Was but an hum - ble ox's stall.  
 was, They hum - bly cast them at His feet, With gifts of gold and incense sweet.  
 fraid; For there you'll find, this hap-py morn, A prince - ly babe, sweet Jesus born.  
 maid, At - tend - ing on the Lord of life Who came to earth to end all strife.