## WEXFORD CAROL

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1. THE NIGHT BEFORE THAT HAPPY TIDE.
THE NOBLE VIRGIN AND HER GUIDE
WERE LONG TIME SEEKING UP AND DOWN
TO FIND A LODGING IN THE TOWN
BUT MARK HOW ALL THINGS CAME TO PASS
FROM EV-RY DOOR REPELL'D ALAS
AS LONG FORETOLD, THEIR REFUGE ALL
WAS BUT AN HUMBLE OX'S STALL

- 2. 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.'
- 3. WITH THANKFUL HEART AND JOYFUL MIND THE SHEPHERDS WENT THE 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