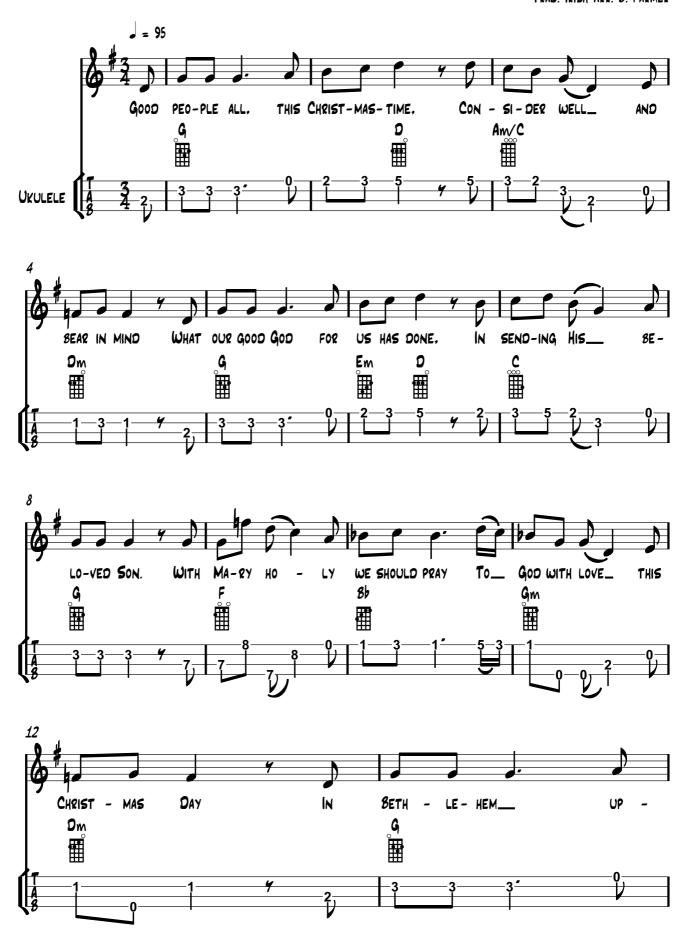
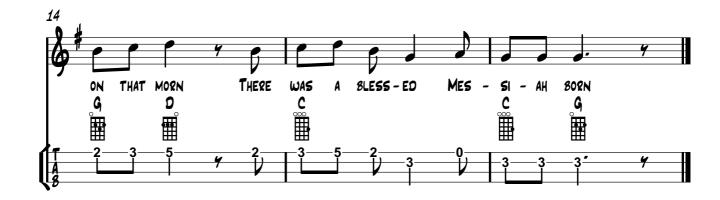
WEXFORD CAROL

TRAD. IRISH ARR. B. FARMER





- 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