Farewell Advent

for choir SATB

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Fare Wele, Aduent: Cristemas Is Cum

(C15th from the carol collection of James Ryman, a Franciscan friar from Canterbury)

Farewell, Advent: Cristemas is come. Farewell from us, both all and some. Farewell, Advent: Cristemas is come. Farewell from us, both all and some.

With patience thou hast us fed And made us go hungry to bed For lack of meat we were nigh dead. Farewell from us, both all and some. While thou hast been in our house, We ate no puddings nor no souse, But stinking fish not worth a louse. Farewell from us, both all and some.

Farewell, Advent: Cristemas is come etc

There was no fresh fish far or near, And salt fish and salmon was too dear, So we have had but little cheer. Farewell from us, both all and some. Bread was stale, and ale was thin; What fruit we had was bitter as sin, The whole fit only for the bin. Farewell from us, both all and some.

Farewell, Advent: Cristemas is come etc

Above all thou art so mean
To make our fare so hard and lean:
I wish you were at Boughton Blean.
Farewell from us, both all and some.
Come you no more here in Kent;
Or you'll receive rough punishment:
It's enough to fast in Lent.
Farewell from us, both all and some.

Farewell, Advent: Cristemas is come etc

This time is Christ's time above all And we shall be merry, great and small, Hunger shall go out of this hall. Farewell from us, both all and some. Advent is gone, Cristemas is come: Be merry now both all and some. He is not wise, that will be dumb *In ortu regis omnium*.

Farewell, Advent, Cristemas is come! Farewell from us both all and some!

NOTES

The original text survives in a manuscript in the Cambridge University Library; it was published in 'Die Gedichte des Frauziskaners Jakob Ryman': http://archive.org/stream/archivfrdasstu88brauuoft. It also appears in Archaeologia Cantiana Vol. 54 1941 from www.kentarchaeology.org.uk. See also Dr Eleanor Parker's wonderful blog aclerkofoxford.blogspot.co.uk. The text above has been shortened, merged, and adapted by me.

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