

# Whereas Adam

A Christmas Carol

*for choir SATB*

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# Whereas Adam

*To the flower springing  
To the bird singing  
To the dew falling  
To the snow melting.*

Whereas Adam caused by sin  
Our nature mortal thus to be,  
A maiden's son doth now begin  
From that fall to make us free.  
And that is true;  
The name of him is Christ Jesu.

*Tidings, tidings that be true,  
Sorrow is past and joy doth renew.*

Some of our kind have had such grace  
That since his birth they did him see,  
Both son and mother face to face  
In the chief city of Jewry.  
And that is true;  
Kings and shepherds they both knew.

And the prophets thereof were naught dismayed  
Of the tidings that they had foretold;  
For now it is full right as they said,  
A maid hath borne a king in a fold.  
And that is true;  
For he is born to wear the purple hue.

*Modern English version amended somewhat by the composer.*

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$\text{♩} = 44$

*Tenderly*  
*mf*

To the flower sprin-ging To the bird sin-ging To the dew fall-ling To the snow mel-ting

*mf*

Where - as A - dam caused by sin Our na - ture mor - tal

*mf*

Where - as A - dam caused by sin Our na - ture mor - tal

*mf*

Where - as A - dam caused by sin Our na - ture mor - tal

*mf*

Where - as A - dam caused by sin Our na - ture mor - tal

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thus to be A mai - den's son doth now be - gin From that fall to

thus to be A mai - den's son doth now be - gin From that fall to

thus to be A mai - den's son doth now be - gin From that fall to

thus to be A mai - den's son doth now be - gin From that fall to

make us free And that is true And that is true And his name is

make us free And that is true And that is true And his name is

make us free And that is true And that is true And his name is

make us free And that is true And that is true And his name is

20

Christ Je - su

Christ Je - su

Christ Je - su

Christ Je - su

*mf*

Ah Some of our kind have had such grace That

*mf*

Ah Some of our kind have had such grace That

*mf*

Ah Some of our kind have had such grace That

*mf*

joy doth re-new Ah Some of our kind have had such grace That

since his birth they did him see Both son and mo ther

since his birth they did him see Both son and mo - ther

since his birth they did him see Both son and mo - ther

since his birth they did him see Both son and mo - ther

30

face to face In the chief ci - ty of Jew-ry And that is true

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face to face In the chief ci - ty of Jew-ry And that is true

And that is true Kings and shep - herds they both knew

And that is true Kings and shep - herds they both knew

88 And that is true Kings and shep - herds they both knew Ti - dings, ti - dings

And that is true Kings and shep - herds they both knew

*Strongly*

*mf* And the

*mf* And the

88 that be true Sor - row is past and joy doth re - new And the

*mf* And the

40

pro - phets there · of were naught dis · mayed Of the ti · dings that

pro · phets there · of were naught dis - mayed Of the ti - dings

80 pro - phets there · of were naught dis · mayed Of the ti - dings

pro · phets there · of were naught dis · mayed Of the ti · dings that

they had fore · told For now it is full right as they said A

they fore · told For now it is full right as they said A

80 they had fore · told For now it is full right as they said A

they fore - told For now it is full right as they said A



maid hath borne a king in a fold And that is true For he is born

maid hath borne a king in a fold And that is true For he is born

maid hath borne a king in a fold And that is true For he is born

maid hath borne a king in a fold And that is true For he is born

born to wear the pur - ple hue And that is true And that is true

born to wear the pur - ple hue And that is true And that is true

born to wear the pur - ple hue And that is true And that is true

born to wear the pur - ple hue And that is true And that is true

*Very softly*

And his name is Christ Je - su To the flower sprin - ging To the bird sin - ging

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60 *decresc - - - -*

To the dew fal - ling To the snow mel - ting

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