

8. A VIRGIN MOST PURE

Traditional

Traditional English melody
arranged by MAGNUS WILLIAMSON

mf $\text{♩} = 88$

Soprano and Alto

Men

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1. A vir - gin most pure as the pro - phets do tell, Hath brought forth a

6

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ba - by, as it hath be - fell; To be our Re - deem - er from

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death, hell and sin which A - dam's trans - gress - ion had wrap - ped us

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in. Aye, and here - fore re - joice and be you mer - ry; Set

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sor - row a - side; Christ Je - sus our Sa - viour was born at this tide.

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2. In Bethlehem Jews a city there was
 Where Joseph and Mary together did pass,
 And there to be taxed with many one mo,
 For Caesar commanded the same should be so.
Aye, and therefore be merry, etc.

3. But when they had entered the city so fair,
 A number of people so mighty was there,
 That Mary and Joseph, whose substance was small,
 Could find in the inn there no lodging at all.
Aye, and therefore be merry, etc.

4. Then they were constrained in a stable to lie,
 Where horses and asses they used for to tie;
 Their lodging so simple they took it no scorn,
 But against the next morning our Saviour was born.
Aye, and therefore be merry, etc.

5. The King of the Kings to his birth being brought,
 On the stone of the manger to wrap him was sought;
 And when she had swaddled her young son so sweet,
 Within an ox manger she laid him to sleep.
Aye, and therefore be merry, etc.

6. Then God sent an angel from heaven so high,
 To certain poor shepherds in fields where they lie,
 And bade them no longer in sorrow to stay
 Because that our Saviour was born on this day.
Aye, and therefore be merry, etc.

7. Then presently after the shepherds did spy
 A number of angels that stood in the sky;
 They joyfully talkéd and sweetly did sing,
 "To God be all glory, our heavenly King."
Aye, and therefore be merry, etc.

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