

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND HYMNS

NOUËL DES AUSÈLS

(CAROL OF THE BIRDS)

BAS-QUERCY

Not slow

1. Whence comes this rush of wings a - far,
2. "Tell us, ye birds, why come ye here

Fol - low - ing straight the No - ël star? Birds from the woods in
In - to this sta - ble poor and drear?" "Has - t'ning we seek the

won - drous flight, Beth - le - hem seek this Ho - ly Night.
new - born King, And all our sweet - est mu - sic bring."

3. Hark how the Greenfinch bears his part,
Philomel, too, with tender heart,
Chants from her leafy dark retreat
Re, mi, fa, sol, in accents sweet.
4. Angels and shepherds, birds of the sky,
Come where the Son of God doth lie;
Christ on the earth with man doth dwell,
Join in the shout, Noël, Noël!