

The Lord at first did Adam make

A CAROL FOR CHRISTMAS EVE.

1.

THE Lord at first did Adam make  
 Out of the dust and clay,  
 And in his nostrils breathèd life,  
 E'en as the Scriptures say.  
 And then in Eden's Paradise  
 He placèd him to dwell,  
 That he within it should remain,  
 To dress and keep it well.  
 Now let good Christians all begin  
 A holy life to live,  
 And to rejoice and merry be,  
 For this is Christmas Eve.

2.

And thus within the garden he  
 Commanded was to stay ;  
 And unto him in commandment  
 These words the Lord did say,  
 "The fruit that in the garden grows  
 To thee shall be for meat,  
 Except the tree in midst thereof,  
 Of which thou shalt not eat."  
 Now let good Christians, etc.

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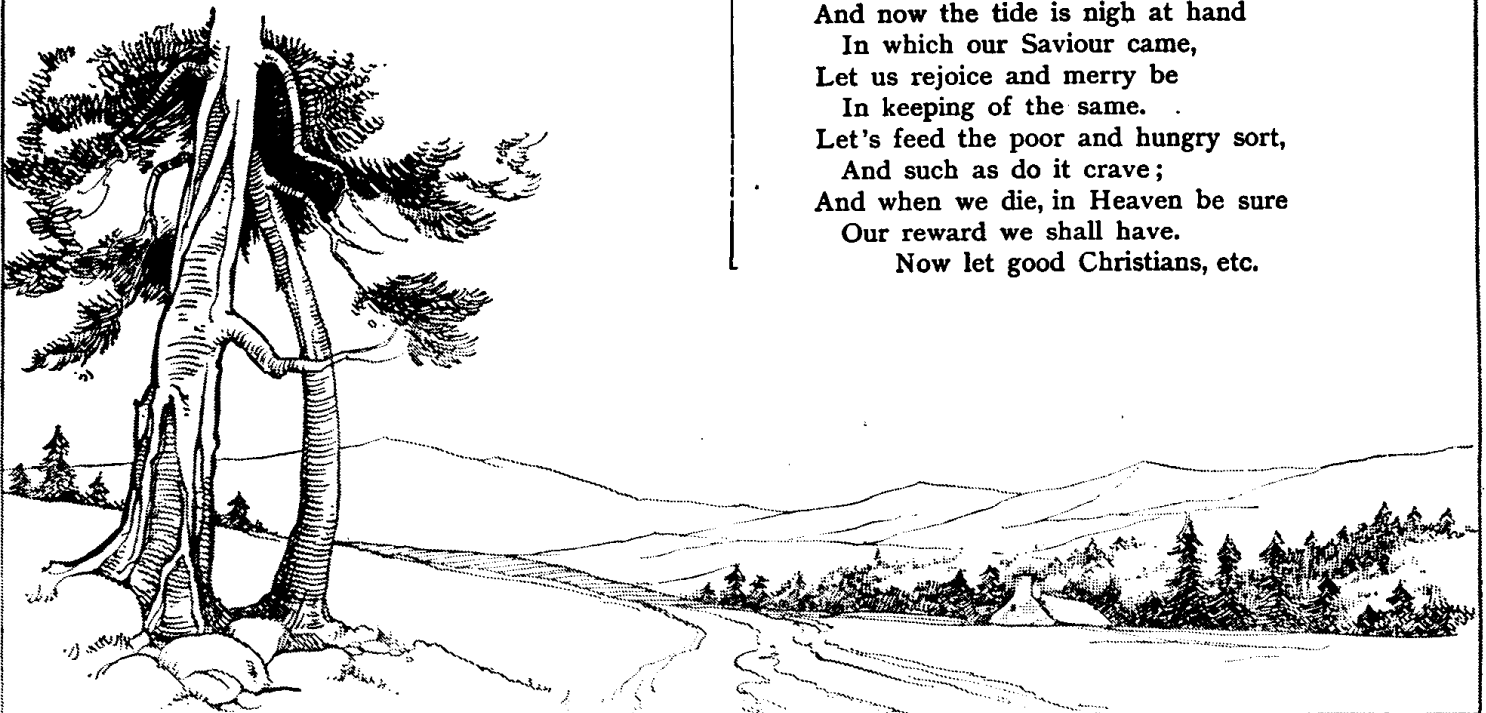
For in that day thou dost it touch,  
 Or dost it then come nigh,  
 And if that thou dost eat thereof,  
 Then thou shalt surely die."  
 But Adam he did take no heed  
 To that same holy thing,  
 But did transgress God's holy laws,  
 And sore was wrapp'd in sin.  
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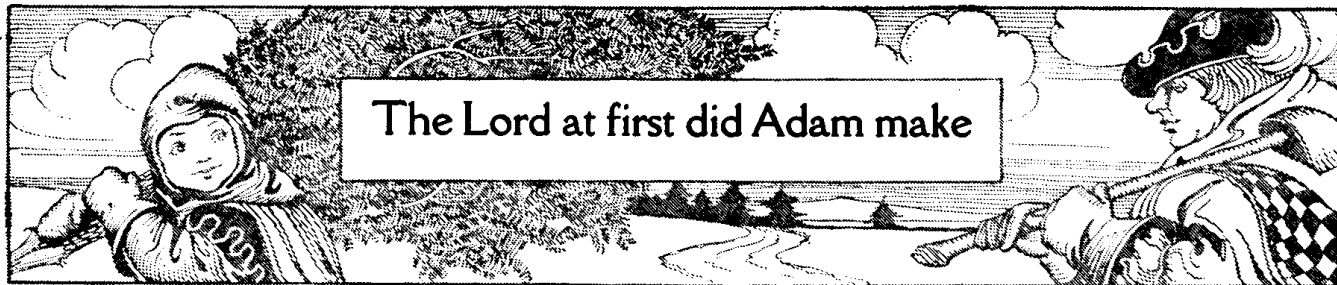
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Now mark the goodness of the Lord,  
 Which He to mankind bore ;  
 His mercy soon He did extend  
 Lost man for to restore ;  
 And then, for to redeem our souls  
 From death, and hell, and thrall,  
 He said His own dear Son should come  
 The Saviour of us all.  
 Now let good Christians, etc.

5.

And now the tide is nigh at hand  
 In which our Saviour came,  
 Let us rejoice and merry be  
 In keeping of the same.  
 Let's feed the poor and hungry sort,  
 And such as do it crave ;  
 And when we die, in Heaven be sure  
 Our reward we shall have.  
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