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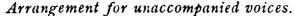
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1. THE HOLY WELL.









- 1. As it fell out on a high holiday On a holiday so high, Sweet Jesus He asked of His own mother dear If He should go and play.
- 2. "To play, to play, dear Child," she did say, "It's time that You were gone, And don't let me hear of complaint upon You At night when You come home?'
- 3."Now go You down to the merry little town As far as the Holy Well, And there You ask the children if they shall play with You, And You shall play with them!'
- 4."They say 'we are lords and ladies sons, And You the meanest of them all, You are nothing but mild Mary's child Born down in an ox-full stall!"
- 5. 'You are nothing but mild Mary's child, Born down in an ox-full stall; But You shall be crowned King of Heaven, And the ruler above us all."

Verse 1, line 1, "high" for "my;" line 2 "a" for "my."

2, "2, "were" for "had been!"

"Nowgo you down" for "You go down"
"shall" for 'should"
"and" for "or."
"and" on itted, "are" for "was;" "we" for "they".

"You" added.

8, "and" omitted.

"If" omitted. ., 5, ., 1, .. 3, "but" for "and."

Some verses have been omitted.

Melody and text from Gypsies at Sutton St. Nicholas.

2. THE HOLY WELL.

(2nd Version.)



3.CHRISTMAS NOW IS DRAWING NEAR AT HAND.



Arrangement for unaccompanied voices.





- Oh, Christmas now is drawing near at hand,
 Pray serve the Lord and be at His command;
 For you a portion God He will provide,
 And give a blessing to your soul beside.
- 2. Remember man that thou art made of clay,
 And in this world thou hast not long to stay;
 This wicked world will never be content
 With all the gifts that our great God hath sent.
- 3. Down in the garden where flowers grow in ranks, Down on your knees, return the good Lord thanks, Down on your knees, and pray both night and day, Leave off your sins and live upright I pray.
- 4. So now sing praises to our God and King That did on earth this great salvation bring, Laid down His life upon the cursed tree, And died a cruel death on Calvary.

The above version is a collation of the two texts mentioned below.

Verse i, line i, (A) has "You christian people all, within this land"

(B) has not the "Oh" but the singer probably added it when singing.

", 4, " 3, "Who" omitted; "On Calvary" for "Upon Mount Calvary." Some Verses have been omitted.

Melody and Text"A" from Mr. Johnson, The Homme, and Mrs Esther Smith, at Weobley. Text"B" from Mr. William Colcombe, Weobley.