

Enniscorthy Carol

1

Good people all, this Christmastime,
Consider well and bear in mind,
What our good God for us has done
In sending His beloved Son.
With Mary holy we should pray
To God with love this Christmas day;
In Bethlehem up on that morn
There was a blessed Messiah born.

2

The night before that happy tide
The noble Virgin and her guide
Were long time seeking up and down
To find a lodging in the town.
But mark how all things came to pass:
From ev'ry door repell'd alas!
As long foretold, their refuge all
Was but an humble oxen stall.

3

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep,
To whom God's angels did appear,
Which put the shepherds in great fear.
Prepare and go, the angels said,
To Bethlehem, be not afraid;
For there you'll find, this happy morn,
A princely babe, sweet Jesus born.

4

With thankful heart and joyful mind,
The shepherds went the babe to find,
And as God's angel had foretold,
They did our Saviour Christ behold.
Within a manger he was laid,
And by his side the Virgin maid,
Attending on the Lord of life,
Who came on earth to end all strife.