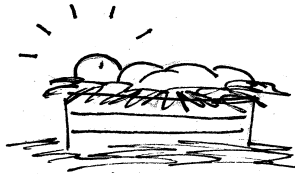


# The Wexford Carol

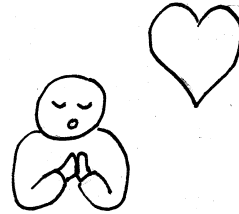
Traditional Irish Christmas carol from the 12th century.



Good people all,  
this Christmas time,  
Consider well  
and bear in mind



What our good God  
for us has done,  
In sending  
His beloved Son.



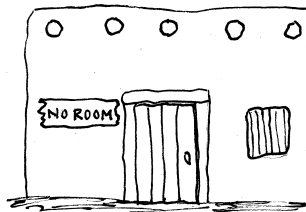
With Mary holy  
we should pray  
To God with love this  
Christmas Day;



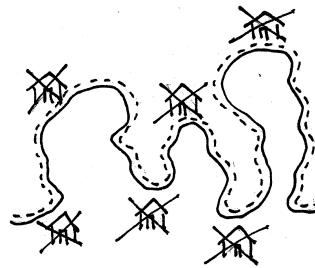
In Bethlehem upon  
that morn  
There was a blessed  
Messiah born.



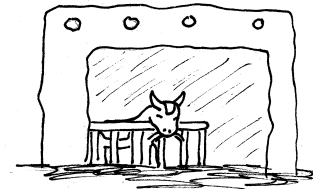
The night before  
that happy tide  
The noble virgin  
and her guide



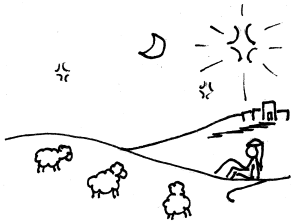
Were long time  
seeking up and down  
To find a lodging  
in the town.



But mark how all  
things came to pass:  
From every door  
repelled, alas!



As long foretold,  
their refuge all  
Was but a humble  
ox's stall.



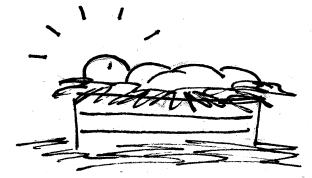
Near Bethlehem did  
shepherds keep  
Their flocks of lambs  
and feeding sheep;



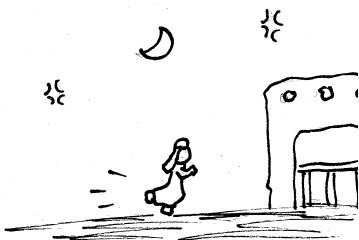
To whom God's  
angels did appear  
Which put the  
shepherds in great fear.



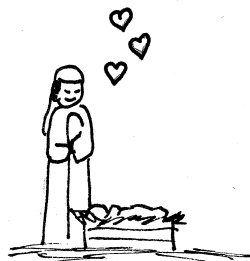
"Prepare and go",  
the angels said,  
"To Bethlehem,  
be not afraid;



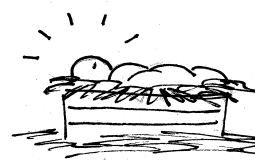
For there you'll find,  
this happy morn,  
A princely Babe,  
sweet Jesus born."



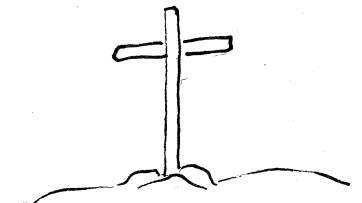
With thankful heart  
and joyful mind,  
The shepherds went  
the babe to find,



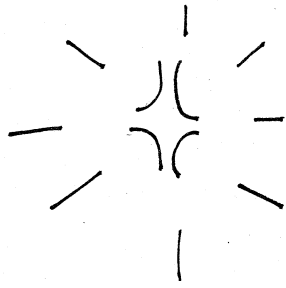
And as God's angel  
has foretold,  
They did our Saviour  
Christ behold.



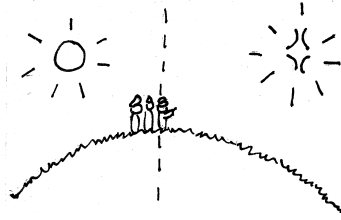
Within a manger  
He was laid,  
And by His side  
the virgin maid



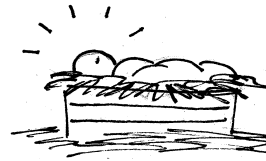
Attending to  
the Lord of Life,  
Who came on earth  
to end all strife.



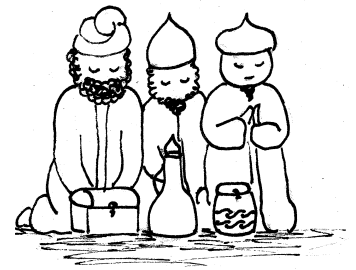
There were three  
wise men from afar  
Directed by  
a glorious star



And on they wandered  
night and day  
Until they came  
where Jesus lay,



And when they  
came unto that place  
Where our beloved  
Messiah was,



They humbly cast  
them at his feet,  
With gifts of gold  
and incense sweet.



Art by Rachel Todd, 2022.