

The snow lay on the ground

Traditional Melody

Venite Adoremus

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. Measure numbers 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 are indicated above the treble clef staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

The snow lay on the ground,
The stars shone bright,
When Christ our Lord was born
On Christmas night.
Venite adoremus Dominum;
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Refrain

*Venite adoremus Dominum;
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'Twas Mary, daughter pure
Of holy Anne,
That brought into this world
The God made man.
She laid Him in a stall
At Bethlehem;
The ass and oxen shared
The roof with them.

Refrain

Saint Joseph, too, was by
To tend the Child;
To guard him, and protect
His mother mild;
The angels hovered round,
And sung this song,
Venite adoremus Dominum.

Refrain

And thus that manger poor
Became a throne;
For He Whom Mary bore
Was God the Son.
O come, then, let us join
The heav'nly host,
To praise the Father, Son,
And Holy Ghost.

Refrain

Traditional Carol