

The Moon Shines Bright - CWGQ 62

English Traditional

SOPRANO

ALTO

TENOR

BASS

The moon shines bright and the stars give a light A lit-tle be-fore the

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day, Our_ might-ty_ Lord He looks on us, And_ bade us a wake and_ pray.

2. Awake, awake, good people all!
 Awake, and you shall hear
 How Christ was born upon this morn
 For the Lord loved us so dear.

3. The fields so green, so wondrous green,
 As green as any leaf;
 The Lord our God He watered them
 With His heavenly dew so sweet.

4. So dear, so dear Christ lovéd us,
 And for our sins was slain,
 So pray leave off your wickedness,
 And turn to the Lord again.

5. The life of man, it is but a span.
 His beauty is like a flower;
 Today he is strong, and tomorrow he is gone,
 For he fadeth in less than an hour.

6. Repent, repent, good people all,
 Repent while yet ye may,
 For it is too late for to repent
 When dead and turned to clay

7. Now my song it is done, and I must be gone,
 No longer can I tarry here;
 So God bless you all, both great and small,
 And send you a Happy new Year.

Alternate Words - The Hitchin Mayers' Song

1. Remember us poor Mayers all,
And thus we do begin
To lead our lives in righteousness
Or else we die in sin.
2. We have been rambling all this night,
And almost all the day,
And now returned back again
We have brought you a branch of May.
3. A branch of May we have brought you,
And at your door it stands,
It is but a sprout, but it's well bedded out
By the work of our Lord's hands.
4. The hedges and trees they are so green,
As green as any leek,
Our heavenly Father he watered them
With his heavenly dew so sweet.
5. The heavenly gates are open wide,
Our paths are beaten plain,
And I a man be not too far gone,
He may return again.
6. The moon shines bright, and the stars give a light,
A little before it is day,
So God bless you all, both great and small,
And send you a joyful May