CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Oh, come with me to Bethlehem
This blessed Christmas morn,
To hall the wond'rous mystery
Of God, Incarnate born;
Let all in Heavan and earth rejoice
From greatest unto least,
Let high and low in love unite

Within a lowly manger
The Almighty makes Histhrone,
A virgin's arms enefrice
The Sole Regotten One.
The Ancient of all days reclines
On Mary's breast awhile,
Awaking at her gentle kiss
To great her with a smile.

Behold her stand, uplifting
Her Royal Babe on high,
That Babe whose power Almighty
Up bears yon starry sky,
With shepherds and with angel hosts
Let us adoring kneel
Where the sweet maiden and her Child,
Incarnate love reveal.

Now God for man's redemption True man has come to be, And Mary is God's Mother Henceforth eternally; Lower than angels He descends That man in Him may rise, For Christ the Son of Mary Wins back our Paradise.

Then sing ye chimes all gaily
Our Saviour's birth to tell,
Peal out your merry music
For earth's Emmanucl.
Let saints with angel choirs unity
Their Christ has orison,
Sing Mary's bright Magnificat
And "Gloria" for her Son!

For Jesus and for Mary
Your Christmas garlands bring.
Pale roses for our Lady
Bright holy for our King,
Come spread around the manger-threme
Your vesture undefiled,
For Mary-mald your softest blue,
And parple for her Child.

Yea, come to our glad Bethlehen Intellesselt hirstmas morn, To had the wond rous mystery Of God Incarnate born; Let aid in Heaven and earth rejone From greatest unto least, Let high and low in love truck To keep Christ's pirthelay feast.

THE WANDERER'S RETURN.

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into multitude that filled them during the audititude that filled them during the day except an occasional passerbly, who journeyed homewards with their marketing. The little shops were filled with cost tomers for their wares, and the tayenest were crowded with those who had sider ment Ulick Donovan, tingrandson of the formula in the fair of the day—deaders, bought in the fair of the day—deaders, farmers and the usual etceters through the ment who had sider formula and at last, when the relixation of the tions rather freely with the ment who can be companied him, and Ulick Donovan is incorred in the present in the profession had permitted such a step, looking through his spectroles into the wife. She had become a fine to the profession had permitted such a step, looking through his spectroles into the wife. She had growth because they are the profession had permitted such a step, looking through his spectroles into the wife. She had growth because they are the profession had permitted such a step, they are the profession had permitted such as they are the profession had growth because they are the profession had a step, they are the profession had growth because they are the profession had a step of the representative of that account furnished him, and Ulick Donovan is allowed in the percentage with the ment who can be into the percentage with the ment who can be inverted in the percentage with the ment who can be inverted in the percentage with the ment who can be inverted in the percentage with the ment who can be inverted in the percentage with the ment who can be inverted in the percentage in the first his percentage with the ment who can be inverted in the percentage in the first his percentage with the ment who can be inverted in the percentage in the first his percentage. The looking through him and Ulick Donovan is defined in the percentage in the first his percentage. farmers and the usual etectors upon ganthe world. His neighbors looked up a nough for you to be sure, you that in which will be tenants relocked those occasions of such folk. Here to him, both from his good native blood, knew what conduct and metus was an inertially as on, the first securion which there was noise and bustle, loud generos-ity or garrulous quarrelsomenes, as around the rude freize-coated crowd class-period. He had married a very amiddle, day. When the last of a man's stock of Big Horse. tered, in the mist which rose from girl, the daughter of a normer in the goes, he may go himself soon after. the steaming punch before them, or the neighbourhood, with whom he got only. Musica, thin, Tom Corkren, ye might tog of tobaccot coke tilled the atmost the wealth of a cheerful temper, a good, lavehim a cow to give him a supermilk."
There with its tense clouds, in which heart, and a thrifty hand. One child, a property see. Mrs. Keoch, said Tom. I

sign which swung from above the door, lown a well to do man named Connell sell thim again, for I want the money and succeeding painters have chosen is a larger crowd was assembled than in any Carroll. He was a widower, and had an badly meself." a larger crowd was assembled than in any of the rest. Behind the counter a bax-son, good-humored-looking woman attended to the many calls made upon her by the uncouth waiters who came to died suddenly before he reached the bar from time to time to give their sent many calls and the died suddenly before he reached the bar from time to time to give their sent manhood, and thick is moved and tilek is moven, other has been hunted into this sthrait, always there; He was from His birth the of His infancy. But the Divinity was always there the work of the finite work of the finite to died suddenly before he reached the luck. Misther Donovan one way or of His infancy. But the Divinity was always there; He was from His birth the orders as they were bidden by the guests with a kindly feeling, aided the young and I tell you, whoiver is at the bottom of this call and above with a kindly feeling. There is no there is a the bottom of the counter a bax-son had an badly meself."

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"Mrs. Keogh," said he, "is there any-where I could bring Mary until I make a settlement with Tom Cockran here?"

the full flow of her occupation and looked at the interrogator. "Why then, Mr. Donovan," said she, you and yours must have any place in

'Arms" to-night.

sick of them."

elf, down a passage which led back darkness of the night.

pardon, sir, but this young woman is hadendured herself. With her aprise from blow of such force with the other than he cold and the evening is sharp, and if it the bed of illness her mother was press fell sprawling backwards across the chair is pleasing to you to further over a little strated. The disease came to kill and con which he had intended to sent himsen, therefore her command to space for did kill her-pleaving Ulick Donordon a himself. all parties.

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In one of those—the 'Kilshane Arms' | Thek Donovan's home. Beside him, sarve Misther Denovan here, and to found in bas-reliefs in the cutteenths as—as the name was inscribed on a creaky there resided on the farm bordering his save the co-ts of a seizure, an' 1 must early as the third and founth centuries.

some specious tale about a union of Irishmen extending over the country in solemn league for her redemption. Every ardent spirit rushed into the wild hope there held out to tempt it. The first man initiated was Charley Carroll. There was danger in it, there was cisk in it and danger and risk were his delight his arm around her waist. Which were the house you want."

"Jemmy," she called to a thick set man, "mind the customers here until I go with Mr. Donovan down to the like here was danger and risk were his delight. If and danger and risk were his delight. If a better man than Charley Carroll, the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the control of the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm, and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his farm and he spent his like ouisided was the neglected his kitchen; it is the quietest spot in the money in aiding an organization which who, they do say, softened your heart "Arms" to-night." "Arms 'to-night.
"Ah, then, Mary Donevan," she said to the girl we have before noticed, "but you're welcome. I wonder you would'nt speak. In truth, achora, I'm glad and from his victim, the villian who deceived from the sorrow of the livin." I'm sorry to see you, for the sake of the him with false lights of patriotism imade poor mother that's gone. Come down his way to the authorities, and at its he is; but you're here, and so am I, an to the kitchen; I know you'd rather be nightly council the illegal society was there than among the crowd, with their surrounded by a police force. Every ck of them."

With these words she brought the man who approached to seize him, and with a bound her with a bound he was away the him.

With these words she brought the man who approached to seize him, and with a bound he was away the him. noise and their talk: it's myself that's member was taken except Charley Carparty, leading Mary by the hand her with a bound he was away through the his grasp in vain.

wards to the kitchen.

"Now, Mr. Donovan," said she, as they entered that apartment, "you will have no one to molest you here, and can settle whatever you have to settle in her illness. Her mother paid her every be kinder presently."

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y had onto red the day, to attracte the matter finally.

Whilst we have been entering in other Councy Configuration of these personness Mary Dane of the very distribution of the Spanish

"I tell you what it is, Mrs. Keogh," interposed Phil Corkran, who had sat Epiphany, listening to the conversation, and emptying the glasses he had repeatedly tilled. this thing can all be settled comfortably. Here's Mary here," said he, she has it all in her own power to make

Phil drew his chair over beside Mary Donovan, and sitting down he contitake myself to put the ring on your

where I could bring Mary until I make a had their golden opportunity, and they ettlement with Tom Cockran here?"

The hostess stopped for a moment in the full flow of her occupation and look-depth to her occupation and look-depth t

"Devil a hair I care," said he, " where I make you a fair offer, an' bedad it's a good one. Comeover here now."

"Let me out, Phil Corkran!" she said

peace and quietness."

"Beg your pardon, sir," she continued give or zeal bestow, and saw it all repaid when the stranger in the corner arese, to a man who sat at the fire, with a hat drawn over his eyes, of a shape now known as a "Jerry," but then totally unchanged had but Mary Donovan's mother sussering girl, caught her around the had but Mary Donovan's mother sussering girl, caught her around the had but Mary Donovan's mother sussering girl, caught her around the had but Mary Donovan's mother sussering girl, caught her around the had but Mary Donovan's mother sussering girl, caught her around the had but Mary Donovan's mother sussering girl, caught her around the had but Mary Donovan's mother sussering girl, caught had but tarken a usual in that remote district; "beg your coptible to the disease whose order she waist with one arm, and dealt Corkran a

"Many Donavan," said the stanger.

"Oh, Charley," send Mery, ellinging

The Magi.

The adoration of the Magi has been a favorite subject not only for poets, but for Wise Men, and this is enablematic of the

infiel. Doctor - Did you shake the medicine dort-dort-before taking? Patient- Certainly. It "an would be too late to give it the shake after taking.

> Do you think I can see through you? said an irace old gentleman to the burly man in front of him. "You ought to be able sir," returned the other, good natur-

A bonnet covered with birds does not

"Love's gift is nought:

RANDMA dear, it's a very pretty yerse; isn't it?" said Ethel. "But," she hastened to add, in a decisive tone, "all the same, it isn't true," Grandma looked up from her work in questioning surprise. She glanced around at the group of young folk for a moment, but said nothing.

"Ils giver's love that's worth a thought."

"No, it is not indeed!" Ethel went on. Now, for instance, were I to send each of my friends only my love for Christmas, or even my love accompanied by a very small gift, oh, what a mean thing they would call me! I wouldn't want to try it. Truly, I don't suppose there is any

boly living who believes in that verse." "Don't you think that you could ever come to do so?" questioned Will, with evident interest.

"No." said Ethel, blantly, "I was thinking it would be mighty handy if you could," was her brother's

dry repinder. The girl laughed light'y, "You sha'n't slip out of giving the a present so easily as that, smartie," she said, "I want a pretty bracelet; you can add your love too if you wish, you know? And she hubbab; but if was Alice who, going to the side of the brackading income in the tossed her carls, and dashed one of her articlest glances at her big brother.

"My dear, I think you talk to shist."

the giver was a per rehard-working wash- limsky.

be a were as another compared to the stathers. Miss Tucker did not need to say beautiful assurance that for eight long "Thouk you" in words; the glance and years this faithful heart had eared for the action were enough. The little girl and to is defined the bulb, which on Christmas felt that eight weeks' effort had not been no roing blessomed forth, a flower of so thrown away. n. dry loving thousats."
"How beautiful" incirmingly Mary.

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re, unill she midded. A third she is a poor rich person,

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She tead me so," acknowledged Affee,

Stort Gad Success, action was agree vines, while a slight blitsh, 20th, yes a we forget "Asaid Nell, ushe tilles Alber with the rest of the world." Wouldn't is be nice if we should all all a her some thing this Christians? suddealy saggested Mary, after a short si-

No. 1 dont think so," contradicte! Edsh; "I am sure I have enough of people to buy for.

Ah, do let us "pleaded Alice, "I think it would please grandma greatly," continued Mary, "You know the present needn the very much, girls : just some little tride from each of us. What do you say, Yell?

"That you and Alice must be badly off for a means of spending your time and

"And I think Nell is just right," added Ethel. If we have any spare cash, I think we would do more good by using it for the poor than by throwing it away on rich people who are too close to spend their own. Will knows she has thousands and thousands in the bank. Didn't Mr. Kidd tell you so, Will?"

Will nodded, and then grinned as he met an appealing look from Mary. "But what you have youself isn't like what sther people give you," he remarked, or-

Alice's eyes shone, and her delicate, fair checks were in a pretty glow. "I think rich people who have nobody to love them are really the poorest kind of people," she ventured.

Ethe, sarm went round her little sister's ing, but it makes a man whi-tle when neck, and her voice was soft and sweet as the fathe bill comes in. the said: "And what you think, pet, you bride.

somehow make other people think too. I shall give Jane Tucker a hyacinth for Christmas, if I die for it."

"Hip! hip! hursh!" cried Will, as he tried to pull the curl nearest him. For a wonder Ethel did not repel this attempt. She and Alice were quietly blissful.

A happy, harmonious group greeted grandma on her re-entrance. And grandma's own face—sh, how it beamed when she heard of the project?

"How happy my grandchildren always make me," was all she said; and the children were more than content.

Cold, bright, sunshiny; old Mother Earth covered with a mantle of snow; sleigh-bells tinkling merrily in the frosty air, and mingling with the joyful chiming of church bells—truly a genuine, old-fashioned Christmas morning.

Oh, how I love Christmas! And isn't

on, now those emissions: And isn't it good to be just alive!" And Ethel Lenox skipped along faster, generously distributing bright smiles all around her. There they were hurrying along the snow-covered streets, the whole of grandsnow-covered streets, the whole of grand-ma's group, each carrying a little offering to Alice's poor rich old lady. Like the merry, light-hearted party they were, they burst tunultuously into Miss Jane Tucket's room in the big, grand, bare-looking bearding-house.

"Merry Christmas, Miss Tucker! Merry

the side of the lone-looking tigure in the racker, but her two little arms around her neck and gave her a kiss. The old com aked grandma, in a tone of quiet re- lady seemed strangely moved. She had a pinehed, hard-looking face; but, some-"How, grandens darling of she asked, how, in a moment it softened. Those "Devocknow, toys," she said, "that unpleasant speeches over Ethel's blun-there we divided a Christmes gift which ders and youthful exuberances,—ali, the whole as ect of Miss Tucker, seemed to undergon mugical change. It is true she bardly said "Thank you" but her hand

shack and her voice sounded a little Perhaps only Ethel noticed where the pretty, flowering hyacinth was placed-viz. on a fittle stand between an exquisate painting of the Hely Family. Ethel caught the lady's eye as she rose to place

Perhaps, after all, Miss Tucker hyd been poorer than the really poor family whom the children had also made happy

A LEGEND OF CHRISTMAS EVE.

As a child the world's Redeemer Chasas His Mother's hand to night, And His infant brow is shiring With that radiance softly bright, Makare once in B thehem's stable cold darkness five and light.

As a child among the children of His Father's house He stands. When the Chritsmus trees are kindled By the tetsy angel's hands: attyonized mission speeding, to and ho, the white winged bands.

Echoeth through the courts of Heaven sound of the weke Leibleich mileth, Keeping, with a softwoired claimer, Hely day of happy theth, hen a claible to win man's boding, come the Lord of Heaven to couth

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"Why hath none our Local's tree lighted?"
Soft he specketh, unifiedd;
Incu thic him Mary answering;
"To nder heart, be not dismayed,
Thoughthy tree like stars be glocaring, and my
son's seems dark with stude.

All thy tapers cool's dear angels set with beavenly right aglow. But the fluthers my Son's to gindle Must be born of can'th below; ist ascend from each son'ts align bought with love solon ringo. Must

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Servery kindly thought for others. Every knowly median wrought,
Every sigh of soul's contrition,
Shall with kindling flores to fraught,
And the burning candle's symbol enthly love
in docional thought.

"Lonely were my Son in beaven, And His Heart unsatisfied, bid to night, until earth's gladness, Rise no thought of Him that dled; so no thought of her that worshiped Bethle-, hem's manger straw beside.

"Royal gifts to men He giveth, And His angels on them wait; But the Lord of men and angels Chooseth ever humblest state, And in lowlest heart that loves Him seeks HB own love's thirst to sate.

"So He chooseth that not langels Light to-night His Christmas tree; Heavenly service for His brothers, For Houself earth's charity; And the brightness of His Christmas measure earth's love shall be,"

On the Christ-child's tree the tapers With a glow, ever deep ning shine— brayers of graft ful hearts ascending, Sin overthrown in some soul's shrine, oving thought in noble action grown more like to love divine.

Then the Christ-child, smiling softly, Gazeth in His Mother's eyes, Listening to the angels' slugling Sounding through the stariff skies. Gloria in Excelsis Den " as of old the strong words rise.

With the song of angels mingling
Earth's glad Christmas harmony,
And the peace of tool descending
In hearts warm with charity,
While far down the streets of jasper shines the
Christ-child's Christmas free.

HOLTH M. COOK, in Catholic World.

"I have a misgiving in this affair," the father said when he gave away