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Andante ♩ = 56

mf

SOPRANO
ALTO

1. The Lord at first_ did A - dam make out of the dust_ and

TENOR
BASS

mf

4

clay, And in his nos-trils breath - ed_ life e'en as the scrip-tures say. And

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then in E - den's pa - ra - dise he_ pla - ced him to dwell, That

CHORUS

Now

f

13

he with-in_ it should re - main, to dress and keep_ it well:

17 *let good Chris-tians all be - gin*

f

Now all be - gin an ho - ly life to live, And

f

21 *to re - joice and mer - ry be, for this is Christ - mas Eve.*

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S. *p* 25 *mf*

Ah And

A. *mf* *p*

2. And thus with-in the gar - den he was set there-in to stay; Ah

29 *in com-mand-ment un - to him these words the Lord did say:*

T. *mf* 33
 'The fruit which in the gar - den_grows to__ thee shall be for meat,'

B. *mp* *mf*
 Ah__ 'Ex -

37 *p*
 Ah__

-cept the tree__ in the midst there - of, of which thou shalt not eat.'

CHORUS

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S. *f* 41
 Now let good Chris-tians all__ be gin

A. *f*
 Now all be - gin an__ ho - ly life to live, And

T. *f*
 B. *f*

45
 to re - joice__ and mer - ry be,__ for this is Christ - mas Eve.

49

T. *mp* Ah *mf* 'If

B. *mf*

3. 'For in the day_ thou shalt it touch or dost to it come nigh,'

53

so thou do but eat_ there - of then thou shalt sure - ly die.'

mp Ah

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S. But A - dam he did take_ no_ heed un - to that on - ly thing, But

A. But A - dam he did take no heed un - to that on - ly thing, But

61

did trans-gress_ God's ho - ly law, and so was wrapt in sin:

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CHORUS

Now let good Chris-tians all be - gin

S. *f* 65

A. *f*

T. *f*

B. *f*

Now all be - gin an ho - ly life to live, And

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to re - joice and mer - ry be, for this is Christ - mas Eve.

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73 *f*

4. Now mark the good - ness of the Lord, which he for man - kind bore, His

f

78

mer - cy soon he did ex - tend, lost man for to re - store; And

82

then, for to re - deem our souls from death and hell - ish thrall, He

86

Now let good Chris-tians
ff

said his own dear Son should be the Sa-viour of us all: *Now*

Now let good
ff

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And

all be - gin an ho - ly life to live, and to, *And*
Chris - tians all an ho - ly life to live, and to, and

ff Be - gin an ho - ly life to live, and

poco rit.

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to re - jice and mer - ry be,
re - jice and mer - ry be, for this is Christ - mas Eve.
to, and mer - ry be,
to re - jice and mer - ry be