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Anon.

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Text and melody from Gilbert's *Some Ancient Christmas Carols* (1822)

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♩ = 120

Soprano [Air]

1. When right-eous Jo - seph wed-ded was To I - srael's He - brew maid, The
 2. *'Tis won-drous strange, said Ma - ry then, I should con-ceive and breed, Being*
 3. This heav'n - ly mes - sage she be-lieved, And did to Ju - ry go; There
 4. *Then Jo - seph he to shun the shame, Thought her for to for - sake, But*
 5. For she is pure, both maid and wife, And mother of God's own heir; The

Alto

Tenor

Bass

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An - gel Ga - briel came from heav'n, And to the Vir - gin said: Hail, bless - ed Ma - ry,
ne - vertouched by mor - tal man, But pure in word and deed. The An - gel Ga-briel
 three months with her friends to stay, God's bless ed will to show; And then re-turn'd to
then God's An - gel in a dream His mind did un - der - take. "Fear not, just Jo-seph,
 babe of heav'n and bles - sed lamb Of I-srael's flock so fair. To save lost man from

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6. Thus Mary and her husband kind
 Together did remain,
 Until the time of Jesus birth,
 As Scriptures doth make plain.
 As mother, wife, and virtuous maid,
 Our Saviour sweet conceiv'd;
 And in due time to bring us him,
 Of whom we were bereav'd.

Chorus.

7. Sing praises all, both young and old,
 To him that wrought such things;
 And all without the means of man,
 Sent us the King of Kings;
 Who is of such a spirit bless'd,
 That with his might did quell,
 The world, the flesh, and by his death,
 Did conquer death and hell.

Chorus.

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full of grace, The Lord re - main on thee; Thou shalt con-ceive and bear a Son, Our
thus re-plied, 'Tis not the work of man, But as the Lord in heav'n de-creed, Be -
 Jo-seph back, Her hus - band meek and mild, Who thought it strange his wife should be Un -
this thy wife Is still a spot-less maid; And not con-sent of sin, said he, A -
 Sa-tan's fold, Which A - dam lost by thrall, When first in E - den Pa - ra - dise Did

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CHORUS

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fore. the world be - gan.
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