

# When Jesus Christ was twelve years old

*Traditional West Cornwall carol*

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1. When Je - sus Christ was twelve years old, As Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly  
2. At thir - ty years he then be - gan To preach the Gos - pel un - to  
3. Then first of all, by power di - vine, He tur - ned wa - ter in - to  
4. More - ov - er, with five loaves of bread, Five thou - sand men he ful - ly  
5. The wi - dow's son that dead did lie, When Christ our Sa - viour did pass

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1. told, He then dis - pu - ted brave and bold A - mongst the lear - ned  
2. man, And all Ju - de - a won - dered then To hear his heaven - ly  
3. wine, When at the mar - riage he did dine, Which made all peo - ple  
4. fed, Where - by his glo - ry far was spread Through - out the land of  
5. by, He raised to life im - me - dia - tely, To her great joy and

## CHORUS.

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1. doc - tors.  
2. doc - trine.  
3. won - der. *Then praise the Lord, both high and low, That he his won - drous works may*  
4. Ju - ry.  
5. com - fort.

shew,                    That    we   at last   to heaven may go, Where Christ in glo - ry reign - eth.

6. Likewise, he healed the lepers ten,  
Whose bodies were full filthy then,  
Yet not but one returned again,  
His humble thanks to render.
7. The woman that was perplexed sore  
With an issue of blood twelve years and more,  
Unto her health he did restore,  
In the minute of an hour.
8. And more his heavenly might to shew,  
Himself upon the sea did go,  
There never could a man do so,  
But only Christ the Saviour
9. When [men] bereaved his life so good,  
The moon was turned into blood,  
The earth and temple shaking stood,  
And graves full wide did open.
10. Then some of them that stood thereby,  
With voices loud began to cry,  
This was the Son of God truly,  
Without any fear or doubting.
11. For as he said, it proved so plain,  
Within three days he rose again,  
Although he suffered bitter pain,  
Both death and hell he conquered.
12. Then afterwards ascended he  
To heaven in glorious majesty;  
With him God grant us all to be,  
For evermore rejoicing.

*Note: Two additional somewhat anti-Semitic stanzas have been omitted.*