

The Carnal and the Crane

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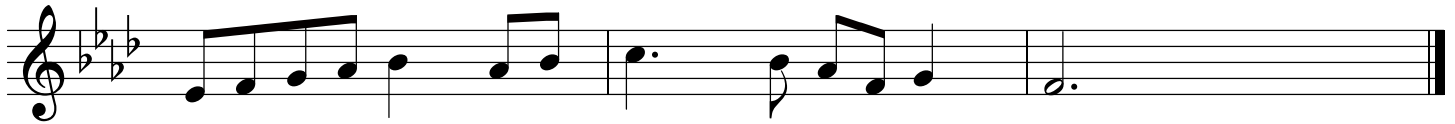
Sung by Mr. Hirons (aet. 60)
at Haven, Herefordshire, July 1909, alt.



1. As I walked out one mor - ning And
2. The car - nal said un - to the crane, "If
3. There was a star all in the east Shone
4. King Pha - roah sent for his armed men, And
5. Jo - seph and Ma - ry were sore tired, And



1. there as I did renne, I heard a con - ver -
2. all the world should turn, But once we had a
3. out as bright as day, And shone in - to King Pha -
4. rea - dy thus they be, For child - ren un - der two
5. wea - ry of their rest, They tra - vel - led in - to



1. sa - tion, Be - tween a car-nal and crane.
2. Fa - ther, But now we have a Son."
3. aoh's room; It shone where Pha - roah lay.
4. years old, All slay - ed they shall be.
5. E - gypt, From out the Ho - ly Land.

6. "Go speed thy work," said Jesus,
"Go fetch thy oxen-wain,
And carry home thy corn again
As which this day hath sown.

7. "If anyone should ask you
Whether Jesus he passed by,
Tell him that Jesus did pass by
Just as your seeds were sown."

8. Then up came King Pharoah
With his armed men so bold,
Enquiring of the husbandman
If Jesus had passed by.

9. "The truth it must be spoken,
The truth it must be told,
I did see Jesus passing by
Just as my seeds were sown."

10. King Pharoah said to his armed men
"Your labour and mine's in vain,
It's full three-quarters of a year
Since when these seeds were sown!"