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The Lord at first did Adam make

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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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9

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 - jice 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:

mf 33

T. 'The fruit which in the gar - den grows to_ thee shall be for meat,'

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

37 *p*

Ah

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

CHORUS

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f 41

S. Now let good Chris-tians all_ be gin

A. *f*

T. Now all be - gin an_ ho - ly life to live, And

B. *f*

45

to re - jice_ 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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57

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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