

# *The moon shines bright*

*Traditional, arranged by Cecil J Sharp (1859-1924)*

*Is it a carol or not? This song was collected from Tysoe, Warwickshire, and was said to be a favourite with the Tysoe carol singers.*

*It ends with a New Year greeting, so perhaps was intended to provoke some spiritual soul searching in preparation for the coming year.*

*The remaining subject matter, though, is more suited to Easter. The author and composer are unknown; several variants are available.*

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*Version: Vocal melody with piano accompaniment and added chord symbols.*

*Difficulty: Intermediate*

*Pages (including cover): 4*

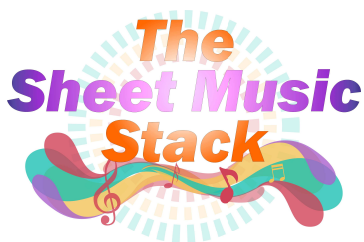
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The musical score is arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system starts with a treble clef and a common time signature, with a key signature change to one sharp. The piano part includes dynamics such as *f*, *sfz*, *mf*, and *sfz*. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with dynamics *sfz*, *p*, and *f*. The third system concludes the piece, with dynamics *mf* and a final *D* chord. The lyrics are: "1. The moon shines bright and the stars give a light A little before it is day; Our Lord our God he called on us And".

*Em*

1. The moon shines bright and the

*f* *sfz* *mf* *sfz*

3

*D* *Em* *Bm*

stars give a light A little before it is day; Our

*sfz* *p* *f*

6 *Em* *A* *D*

Lord our God he called on us And

*mf*

8 *G* *Bm* *Em*

bids us a-wake\_ and\_ pray. 2. A - wake\_ O awake! Good\_

11 *D* *Em* *Bm*

peo - ple\_ all, A - wake\_ and you shall\_ hear; Our

14 *Em* *A* *D*

Lord\_ our\_ God, He suf-fered on\_ the cross, For\_

16

G Bm Em Em

1. Last time

us whom he loved so dear. 3. The Year.

*The moon shines bright and the stars  
give a light  
A little before it is day;  
The Lord our God, he called on us  
And bids us awake and pray.*

*Awake! O awake! Good people all,  
Awake and you shall hear  
Our Lord our God, he suffered on the  
cross  
For us whom he loved so dear.*

*The fields were green, as green could be,  
When we from his glory fell;  
And we his children then were brought  
To death and near to hell.*

*The life of man, it is but a span,  
It's like a morning flower;  
We're here today, tomorrow we are gone,  
We are dead all in one hour.*

*O teach them well your children, dear man,  
While you have got them here;  
It will be better for your soul, dear man,  
When your corpse lies on the bier.*

*Today you may be living, dear man,  
With many a thousand pound;  
Tomorrow you may be dead, dear man,  
And your corpse lie underground.*

*With the green turf at your head,  
dear man,  
And another at your feet;  
Your good deeds and your bad, dear man,  
Will all together meet.*

*My song is done and I must be gone,  
No longer can I stay here.  
God bless you all, both great and small,  
And send you a happy new year.*