

The Moon shines bright.

[Christmas Carol]

[SUSSEX & SURREY.]

Andante.

legatissimo e dolce

L.H.

dim.

The piano introduction consists of three measures. The right hand (R.H.) plays a melody of eighth notes, while the left hand (L.H.) provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. The tempo is marked 'Andante' and the mood is 'legatissimo e dolce'. The piece concludes with a 'dim.' (diminuendo) marking.

dolce

Oh, the moon shines bright, and the stars give a light; Oh, a

The first system of the song features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The tempo remains 'Andante' and the mood is 'dolce'. The lyrics are: 'Oh, the moon shines bright, and the stars give a light; Oh, a'.

lit - tle be - fore the day, Our Lord, our... God, He....

The second system continues the song. The lyrics are: 'lit - tle be - fore the day, Our Lord, our... God, He....'.

calls up - on us all, And He bids us a - wake and... pray.

The third system concludes the song. The lyrics are: 'calls up - on us all, And He bids us a - wake and... pray.'

1

Oh the moon shines bright, and the stars give a light;
 Oh, a little before the day,
 Our Lord, our God, He calls upon us all,
 And He bids us awake and pray.

2

Awake, awake, good people all,
 Awake, and you shall hear:
 Our blessed Saviour died upon the cross,
 Saying Christ loved us so dear.

3

So dear, so dear Christ lovèd us,
 And for our sins got slain;
 We'll all leave off our wicked, wicked way,
 And turn to the Lord again.

4

Oh, the life of man it is but a span,
 He flourishes like a flower,
 He's here to-day, and tomorrow he's gone,
 And he's dead all in an hour.

5

Oh, teach your children well, good man,
 As long as here you stay,
 For it might be better for your sweet soul,
 When your body lies under the clay.

6

There's a green turf at your head, good man,
 And another at your feet.
 * God bless you all, both great and small,
 And I hope you a happy New Year.

[Sung by Gypsies of the name of Goby, well known in Sussex & Surrey.]

* Some versions have:

Your good deeds and your evil
 Will all together meet.