

Curoo Curoo

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Christmas carol for choir and piano

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Commissioned under the RTÉ lyric fm
Composer in Residence scheme for lyric's annual Carols for
Christmas competition

18th century traditional Irish christmas text

Curoo Curoo

(18th century traditional Irish christmas text)

Full many a bird did wake and fly
Curoo curoo curoo
Full many a bird did wake and fly
To the manger bed with a wandering cry
On Christmas day in the morning
Curoo curoo curoo

The lark the dove the red bird came
Curoo curoo curoo
The lark the dove the red bird came
And they did sing in sweet Jesus' name
On Christmas day in the morning
Curoo curoo curoo

The owl was there with eyes so wide
Curoo curoo curoo
The owl was there with eyes so wide
And he did sit at sweet Mary's side
On Christmas day in the morning
Curoo curoo curoo

The shepherds knelt upon the hay
Curoo curoo curoo
The shepherds knelt upon the hay
And angels sang the night away
On Christmas day in the morning
Curoo curoo curoo

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Expressively $\text{♩} = 64-72$ *mp*

Choir

Legato Full ma-ny a bird did wake and fly Cu-roo, cu-roo, cu-roo Full

Piano

4

Choir

ma - ny a bird did wake and fly To the man-ger bed_ with a wand'-ring cry On

Pno.

6

Choir

Christ-mas day in the mor_ning, On Christ-mas day in the mor-ning Cu-roo_ Cu-roo

Christ-mas day in the mor_ ning Cu-roo_ Cu-roo_

Pno.

9

Choir

p Cu - roo **Unis** *mp* The lark, the dove, the red bird came

Cu-roo

Pno.

p *mp*

12

Choir

Cu - roo, cu - roo, cu - roo The lark, the dove, the red bird came And

Pno.

14

Choir

On Christ-mas day in the mor__ ning, On
they did sing__ in sweet Je-sus' name On Christ-mas day in the mor__ ning

Pno.

Divisi

16

Choir

Christ-mas day in the mor-ning

Cu - roo Cu - roo Cu - roo

Pno.

p

19

Choir

Pno.

With excitement!
♩ = 88-96

f

22 **Short** *mf*

Choir *mf* The owl was there with eyes so wide cu-

Pno. *mf*

26 *mf* The

Choir cu-roo cu-roo cu-roo

Pno. *mf* Legato

29 owl was there at sweet Ma-ry's side, On Christmas day in the mor-ning

Choir with eyes so wide and he did sit. On Christmas day in the mor-ning

Pno.

32 *f* cu-roo cu-roo *p* cu-roo *f* cu-roo cu-roo *p* cu-roo

Choir cu-roo cu-roo cu-roo cu-roo cu-roo cu-roo

Pno. *f* *p* *f* *p*

36 **A tempo** ♩=64-72 *mp* [Unis]

Choir The shep-herds knelt up-on the hay Cu-roo, cu-roo, cu-roo The

Pno. *mp*

39

Choir *Divisi* On
shep- herds knelt up - on the hay and ang-els sang_ the_ night a- way On

Pno.

41 Christ-mas day in the mor-ning, On Christ-mas day in the mor-ning Cu- roo_ Cu- roo

Choir
Christ-mas day in the mor_ ning_ Cu- roo_ Cu- roo_

Pno.

44 *p* Cu - roo

Choir
Cu - roo

Pno. *p*

46 Cu - roo slow down Cu - roo

Choir
Cu - roo Cu - roo

Pno.