



The Snow Lay on the Ground

Vesite, adoremus—Irregular, with Refrain

Traditional carol, alt.

Traditional melody
Harm. by Leo Sowerby, 1941

1 The snow lay on the ground, The stars shone bright, When

Christ our Lord was born On Christ - mas night.

Ve - ni - te, ad - o - re - mus Do - mi - num; Ve -

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Refrain (after each stanza)

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2

"Twas Mary, virgin mild,
Of Mother Anne,
That brought into this world
The God made man.
She laid Him in a stall
At Bethlehem;
The ass and oxen shared
The roof with them.
Refrain.

3

And Joseph, too, was by
To tend the Child,
To guard Him and protect
His mother mild.
The angels hovered round
And sang this song,
Venite, adoremus
Dominum.
Refrain.

4

And thus that manger poor
Became a throne;
For He whom Mary bore
Was God the Son.
Oh, come, then, let us join
The heavenly host,
To praise the Father, Son,
And Holy Ghost.
Refrain.

