

# On Christmas Day

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The first staff is in 5/4 time, the second in 5/4, the third in 6/4, the fourth in 5/4, and the fifth in 5/4. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "On Christ-mas day it hap-pen-ed so, Down in the mead\_ows forth to \_\_\_\_\_ plough; As we \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_ plough \_\_\_ ing \_\_\_ on so fast Up \_\_\_\_\_ comes \_\_\_\_\_ sweet Je - - sus his - - - self at last".

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On Christmas Day it happened so,  
Down in the meadows for to plough;  
As we were ploughing on so fast  
Up comes sweet Jesus hisself at last.

"O man, O man, what makes you plough  
So hard upon the Lord's birthday?"  
The farmer answered him with great speed:  
"For the plough this day we have great need."

His arms did quaver to and fro  
His arms did quaver, he could not plough.  
The ground did open and lose him in,  
Before he could repent of sin.

His wife and children are out of place,  
His beasts and cattle they die away;  
His beasts and cattle, they die away,  
For ploughing on our Lord's birthday.