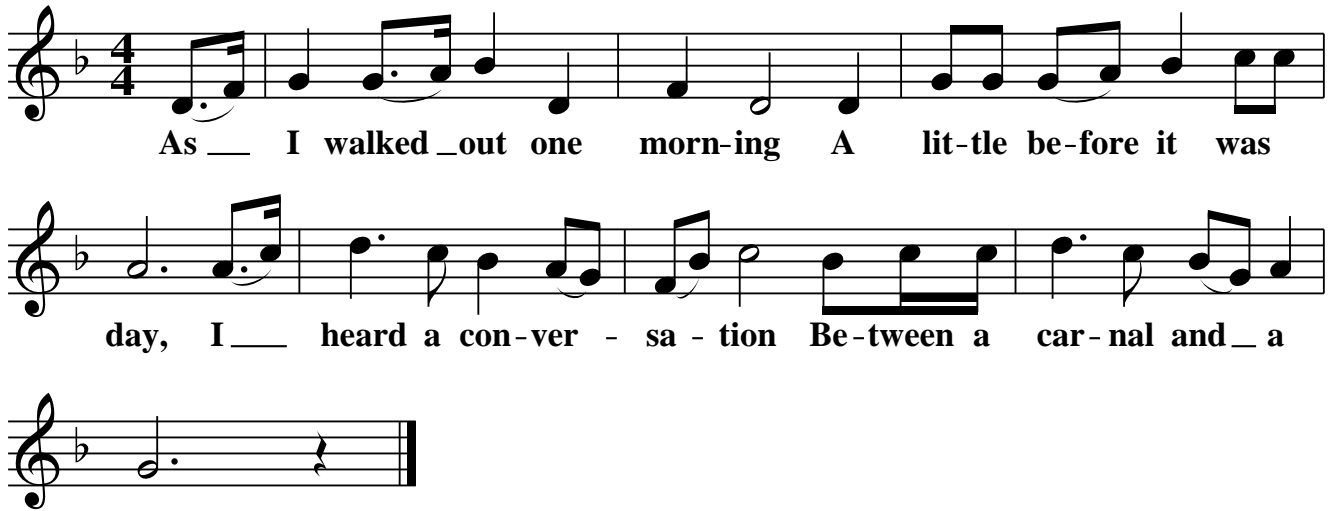


The Carnal and the Crane



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The carnal said unto the crane:
"If all the world should turn;
But once we had a father,
But now we have a son."

There was a star all in the east
Shone out a-shining throng, [strong?]
And shone in King Pharaoh's chamber,
And where King Pharaoh lay.

The wise men they soon spied it,
And soon King Pharaoh told
That an earthly babe was born that night
As no man on earth could destroy.

King Pharaoh sent for his arm-ed men,
And ready then they be,
For all children under two years old
Shall be slain-ed, they shall be.

Joseph and Mary
Was weary of their rest;
They travelled into Eygpt,
Into the Holy Land.

"Go speed thy work", said Joseph,
"Go fetch thy oxen wain,
And carry home thy corn again
As which this day hath sown."

"If anyone should ask of you
Whether Jesus has passed by
You can tell them Jesus passed this way
Just as your seeds were sown."

Then up came King Pharoah
With his arm-ed men so bold,
Enquiring of the husbandman
Whether Jesus has passed by.

"The truth it must be spoken,
The truth it must be told:
I saw Jesus passing by
Just as my seeds were sown."

King Pharaoh said to his arm-ed men:
"Your labour and mine's in vain;
It's full three-quarters of a year
Since these seeds were sown."