

The Oxen

Words: Thomas Hardy

Music: Chris Rogers

1 *♩ = 90* *mp*

Soprano Christ - - mas Eve, and twelve of the clock. "Now they are all on their knees," An el -
mp

Alto Christ - - mas Eve, and twelve of the clock. "Now they are all on their knees," An el -
mp

Tenor Christ - - mas Eve, and twelve of the clock. "Now they are all on their knees," An el -
mp

Bass Christ - - mas Eve, and twelve of the clock. "Now they are all on their knees," An el -

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S -der said By the em-bers in hearth - side ease. We pic-tured the meek mild crea - tures where they
p *mf*

A -der said By the em-bers in hearth - side ease. We pic-tured the meek mild crea - tures where they
p *mf*

T -der said As we sat in a flock By the em-bers in hearth-side ease. We pic-tured the meek mild crea - tures where they
p *mf*

B -der said As we sat in a flock By the em-bers in hearth - side ease. We pic-tured the meek mild crea - tures where they
p *mf*

22

S dwelt in their straw - y pen, Nor did it oc - cur to one of us there To doubt they were knee - ling then. So fair a fan - cy
p

A dwelt in their pen, Nor did it oc - cur to us there To doubt they were knee - ling then. So fair a fan - cy
p

T dwelt in their straw - y pen, Nor did it oc - cur to us there To doubt they were knee - ling then. So fair a fan - cy
p

B dwelt in their pen, Nor did it oc - cur to us there To doubt they were knee - ling then. So fair a fan - cy

33 *rit.* *pp* *mf* *mp* *71*

S few would weave in these years - ! Yet, I feel, If some-one said on Christ-mas Eve, "Come; see the ox-en kneel In the

A few would weave In these years - ! Yet, I feel, If some-one said on Christ-mas Eve, "Come-; see the ox-en kneel In the

T few would weave In these years - ! Yet, I feel, if some-one said on Christ-mas Eve, "Come; see the ox-en kneel In the

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41 *f* *mp* *80*

S lone - ly bar - ton by yon - der coomb Our child - hood used to know," I should go with him in the

A lone - ly bar - ton by yon - der coomb Our child - hood used to know," I should go with him in the

T lone - ly bar - ton by yon - der coomb Our child - hood used to know," I should go with him in the

B lone - ly bar - ton by yon - der coomb Our child - hood used to know," I should go with him in the

45 *p* *pp* *p*

S gloom, Ho - ping, Ho - ping, Ho - ping it might be so.

A gloom, Ho - ping, Ho - ping, Ho - ping it might be so.

T gloom, Ho - ping, Ho - ping, Ho - ping it might be so.

B gloom, Ho - ping, Ho - ping, Ho - ping it might be so.