

For Rosamund

A WEALDEN TRIO

Christmas Song of the Women

FORD MADDOX FORD
(1873-1989)

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Freely (♩ = 72)

Soprano I: *Solo* *p cold* When ye've got a child 'ats whist for want — of food, *ten.* And a *più f*

Soprano II: —

Alto: —

3 (Solo) *ten.* grate as grey's y'r 'air for want of wood, And y'r man and you ain't no-wise not much good; *mf* Oh It's *mf* Chorus Oh — It's *mf* Oh — It's *mf* Oh — It's

7 **rhythmic** (♩ = 80) (unis.) *f* hard work a-Christ-mas-sing, Ca - rol-ing. — Sing - in' songs a-bout "the Babe what's born." *pp*

f hard work a-Christ-mas-sing, — Ca - rol-ing, Sing-in' songs a-bout "the Babe what's born." *Solo* *p* When ye've *pp*

f hard work a-Christ-mas-sing, — Ca - rol - ing, Sing-in' songs a-bout "the Babe what's born." *pp*

38 *f* Sing-in' songs a-bout the Babe what's born, *ff* Sing - - in', *dim.* sing-in' of the shep - herds -
 - and ca - rol - ing. *ff* An' sing-in' of the shep - herds, *dim.* sing - in' -
 Christ-mas-sing. *ff* An' sing-in' of the shep-herds on that morn, *dim.* sing-in' of the

41 *mf dim.* on that morn, *p* Sing-in' songs a-bout the Babe what's born, *p*
 a - bout the Sa-viour's birth. *mp dim.* Sing-in' of the shep-herds on that morn. *p*
 Babe, sing - in', Sing - in' of the

44 *p dim.* Sing - in' of the shep - herds on that morn, *p dim.* Sing - in' of the shep - herds
 shep - herds on that morn,

46 *rall.* *pp* Sing-in' of the Babe on that morn. *dim.*
 on that morn, *pp* Sing - in' of that morn, that morn. *dim.*
 Sing-in' of the shep-herds on that morn.

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