THE SUSSEX CAROL

On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring.  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King’s birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,   
Since our Redeemer made us glad ?  
When from our sin he set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before his grace,   
Then life and health come in its place.  
Angels and men with joy may sing,  
All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light,   
Which makes the angels sing this night.  
“Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and for evermore, amen.”