

Curoo, curoo / Carol of the birds

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This beautiful song comes from an 18th century traditional Irish Christmas text. I first came across it sung in 6/8 time but much preferred this gentle tender version in waltz timing that I heard the Clancy Brothers sing.



Full many a bird did wake and fly,
Curoo, curoo, curoo,
Full many a bird did wake and fly,
To the manger bed with a wondering cry,
Refrain: On Christmas Day in the morning,
Curoo, curoo, curoo. Curoo, curoo, curoo.

The lark, the dove and the red bird came,
Curoo, curoo, curoo,
The lark, the dove and the red bird came,
And they did sing in sweet Jesus' name, Refrain



The owl was there with eyes so wide,
Curoo, curoo, curoo,
The owl was there with eyes so wide,
And he did sit at sweet Mary's side, Refrain

The shepherds knelt upon the hay,
Curoo, curoo, curoo,
The shepherds knelt upon the hay,
And angels sang the night away, Refrain

