

# Past Three O'Clock

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Traditional carol

Refrain

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2. Seraph quire singeth,  
Angel bell ringeth;  
Hark how they rime it,  
Time it and chime it. *Refrain*

3. Mid earth rejoices  
Hearing such voices  
e'ertofore so well  
Carolling Nowell. *Refrain*

4. Hinds o'er the pearly,  
Dewy lawn early  
Seek the high Stranger  
Laid in the manger. *Refrain*

5. Cheese from the dairy  
Bring they for Mary  
And, not for money,  
Butter and honey. *Refrain*

6. Light out of star-land  
Leadeth from far land  
Princes, to meet him,  
Worship and greet him. *Refrain*

7. Myrrh from full coffer,  
Incense they offer;  
Nor is the golden  
Nugget withholden. *Refrain*

8. Thus they: I pray you,  
Up, sirs, nor stay you  
Till ye confess him  
Likewise and bless him. *Refrain*