



# THE SONG OF THE WOMEN

## A WEALDEN TRIO

*1st Voice :*

WHEN ye've got a child 'at 's whist for want of food,  
And a grate as grey 's y'r 'air for want of wood,  
And y'r man and you ain't nowise not much good ;



*Together :*

Oh—

It's hard work a-Christmassing,  
Carolling,  
Singin' songs about the " Babe what 's born."

*2nd Voice :*

When ye've 'eered the bailiff's 'and upon the latch,  
And ye've feeled the rain a-trickling through the thatch  
An' y'r man can't git no stones to break ner yit no sheep to watch—

*Together :*

Oh—  
We got to come a-Christmassing,  
Carolling,  
Singin' of the "Shepherds on that morn."

*3rd Voice, more cheerfully :*

'E was a man 's poor as us, very near,  
An' 'E 'ad 'is trials and danger,  
An' I think 'E 'll think of us when 'E sees us singing 'ere ;  
For 'is mother was poor like us, poor dear,  
An' she bore him in a manger.

*Together :*

Oh—  
It 's warm in the heavens but it 's cold upon the earth ;  
An' we ain't no food at table nor no fire upon the hearth ;  
And it 's bitter hard a-Christmassing ;  
Carolling ;  
Singin' songs about our Saviour's birth ;  
*Singin' songs about the Babe what's born ;*  
*Singin' of the shepherds on that morn.*

FORD MADDOX HUEFFER.

