

Corpus Christi Carol (Bells Of Paradise)

England

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1. Down in yon for - est there stands a hall. *The*
bells of Pa - ra - dise I heard them ring. It's
cov - ered all ov - er with pur - ple and pall. *And I*
love my Lord Je - sus a - bove an - y thing.

2. In that hall there stands a bed.
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring.
It's covered all over with scarlet so red.
And I love my Lord Jesus above any thing.
3. At the bedside there lies a stone.
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring.
Which the sweet Virgin Mary knelt upon.
And I love my Lord Jesus above any thing.
4. Under that bed there runs a flood.
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring.
The one half runs water, the other runs blood.
And I love my Lord Jesus above any thing.
5. At the foot of the bed there grows a thorn.
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring.
Which ever blooms blossoms since He was born.
And I love my Lord Jesus above any thing.
6. Over that bed the moon shines bright.
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring.
Denoting our Saviour was born on this night.
And I love my Lord Jesus above any thing.

Corpus Christi Carol 2 (ca. 1500)

Lully, lully, lully, lully,
The falcon hath born my make away.

He bare him up, he bare him down,
He bare him into an orchard brown.

In that orchard there was an halle,
That was hanged with purple and pall.

And in that hall there was a bed,
It was hanged with gold so red.

And in that bed there lyeth a knight,
His woundes bleding day and night.

By that bede side kneleth a may,
And she weepeth both night and day.

And by that bede side there standeth a stone,
"Corpus Christi" written there on.