

The Wife Of Ushers Well
Misc Traditional

Wife of Usher's Well
Traditional

Am
There was a woman and she lived alone
Dm **Am**
And babies, she had three
Am
She sent them away to the North Countrie
Em **Am**
To learn their grammarie

Am
They d not been gone but a very short time
Dm **Am**
Scarcely six weeks to the day
Am
When death, cold death, spread through the land
Em **Am**
And swept them babes away

Am
She prayed to the Lord in Heaven above
Dm **Am**
Wearing a starry crown:
Am
Oh send to me my three little babes
Em **Am**
Tonight or in the morning soon

Am
It was very close to Christmas time
Dm **Am**
The night was long and cold
Am
And the very next morning, at the break of day
Em **Am**
Them babies come a-running home

Am
She set the table for them to eat
Dm **Am**
Upon it spread both bread and wine:
Am
Come eat, come drink, my three little babes
Em **Am**

Come eat, come drink of mine

Am

Oh mother, we cannot eat your bread

Dm

Am

Neither can we drink your wine

Am

For the morrow morning at the break of day

Em

Am

Our Saviour we must rejoin

Am

She made the bed in the back-a-most room

Dm

Am

Upon it laid a golden sheet

Am

Upon the top a golden spread

Em

Am

For to help them babes asleep

Am

Rise up, rise up " said the eldest one

Dm

Am

Rise up, rise up " said he

Am

For tomorrow morn, at the break of day

Em

Am

Our Saviour must we see

Am

Cold clods of clay roll o'er our heads

Dm

Am

Green grass grows on our feet

Am

And our sweet tears, my mother dear

Em

Am

Will wet our winding sheet