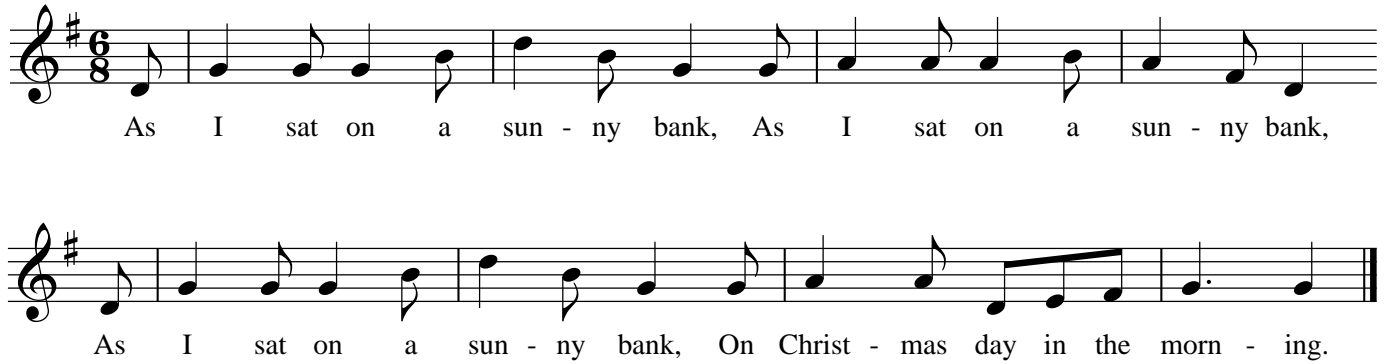


# Sunny Bank

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As I sat on a sun - ny bank, As I sat on a sun - ny bank,  
As I sat on a sun - ny bank, On Christ - mas day in the morn - ing.

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| 2. I saw three ships come sailing in, (3x)<br>On Christmas day in the morning.    | 5. And all the bells on earth did ring, (3x)<br>On Christmas day in the morning. |
| 3. And who do you think was in those ships (3x)<br>But Joseph and his fair lady?  | 6. For the joy of the new-born King, (3x)<br>On Christmas day in the morning.    |
| 4. Then he did whistle and she did sing, (3x)<br>On Christmas day in the morning. |  |

## Background Information

The oldest version of "Sunny Bank" dates from 1666. This Virginia variant is practically identical with those found during recent years in various parts of the British Isles.