

As I sat under a Sycamore Tree

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1. As I sat under a Sycamore Tree
I looked me out upon the sea,
On Xmas Day in the morning.
2. I saw three ships a-sailing there,
The Virgin Mary and Christ they bare.
3. He did whistle and She did sing,
And all the bells on earth did ring.
4. And now we hope to taste your cheer
And wish you all a happy new year

Gilchrist noted:

Another variant [of 'I saw Three Ships'] with the "As I sat" opening (words only) as formerly sung in mid-Kent was contributed to "Notes and Queries," 3rd series, III, 7, by "A. A."