

Christmas Carols



AWAY IN A MANGER

James R. Murray 1887

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He
lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to Heaven to live with Thee there.

GOD REST YE MERRY, GENTLEMEN

Traditional

God rest ye merry, gentlemen; let nothing you
dismay.

Remember, Christ our Savior was born on
Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were
gone astray.

Chorus:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel
came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the
same;
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of
God by name.

Repeat Chorus

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Words by Phillips Brooks; Music by Lewis H.
Redner

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels,
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE

Translation: John Mason Neale, 1818-1866
14th Century German Carol

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
News! News! Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and mule before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now;
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all,
To gain His everlasting hall;
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

JINGLE BELLS

Words and Music by James Pierpont

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh;
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way. (ha-ha-ha)
Bells on bobtail ring,
Making spirits bright;
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight.
Oh! jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the
way;
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse
open sleigh.
Hey! jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the
way;
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse
open sleigh!

JOY TO THE WORLD

Words by Isaac Watts; Music by Lowell
Mason

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

English words by Frederick Oakeley; Music by
John Reading

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of an-
gels.

Chorus:

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

Chorus

SILENT NIGHT

English words adapted from the original German
of Joseph Mohr; Music by Franz Gruber

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

THE FIRST NOEL

Traditional

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they
lay;
In fields where they lay tending their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

Refrain

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

Words and Music by John Henry Hopkins (1857)

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain

*O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Refrain

Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain