

Carols Around The Tree



1. O come all ye faithful

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O come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels:
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord.

2

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:

3

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest:

2. O little town of Bethlehem

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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.

2

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth.
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

3

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;

3. Once in Royal David's city

1

Once in Royal David's city,
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby
In a manger for His bed;
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

2

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3

For He is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew.;
And He feeleth for our sadness,
And He shareth in our gladness.

4

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars His children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel

4. While shepherds watched their flocks by night

1

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around.

2

‘Fear not’ said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind;
‘Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.’

3

Thus spoke the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a mighty throng
Of angels, praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

4

‘All glory be to God on high
And on the earth be peace;

Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.’

5. Hark the herald angels sing

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Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic hosts proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!*

2

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

3

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

6. God rest you, merry gentlemen

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God rest you, merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray;

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

2

From God our heavenly 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.

3

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth efface.

7. Away in a Manger

1

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

2

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 side until morning is nigh.

3

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

8. Good Christian men, rejoice

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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 ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath op'ed the heav'nly door,
And man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3

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!

9. The First Noel

The First Noel the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
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
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took it's rest
And there it did both pause and stay
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind hath bought
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

10. In the bleak mid-winter

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In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter,
Long ago.

2

Our God, heav'n cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

3

What can I give Him
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.

11. The holly and the ivy

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The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood
The holly bears the crown.

*O the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing of the choir.*

2

The holly bears a blossom
As white as lily flower;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To be our sweet Saviour.

3

The holly bears a berry
As red as any blood;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To do poor sinners good.

4

The holly and the ivy
Now both are full well grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood
The holly bears the crown.

12. Little Donkey

Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road,
Got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load.
Been a long time, little donkey, through the winter's night,
Don't give up now, little donkey, Bethlehem's in sight.

Ring out those bells tonight, Bethlehem, Bethlehem.
Follow that star tonight, Bethlehem, Bethlehem.

Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day,
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way.
Been a long time, little donkey, through the winter's night,
Don't give up now, little donkey, Bethlehem's in sight.

Ring out those bells tonight, Bethlehem, Bethlehem.
Follow that star tonight, Bethlehem, Bethlehem.

13. Deck the Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly Fa la la...

'Tis the season to be jolly Fa la la...

Don we now our gay apparel Fa la la...

Sing the ancient Yuletide carol Fa la la...

See the blazing yule before us Fa la la...

Strike the harp and join the chorus Fa la la...

Follow me in merry measure Fa la la...

While I tell of Yuletide treasure Fa la la...

Fast away, the old year passes Fa la la...

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses Fa la la...

Sing we joyous all together Fa la la...

Heedless of the wind and weather Fa la la...

Deck the halls with boughs of holly Fa la la...

'Tis the season to be jolly Fa la la...

Don we now our gay apparel Fa la la...

Sing the ancient Yuletide carol Fa la la...

14. Here we come a-wassailing

Here we come a-wassailing
Among the leaves so green,
Here we come a wandering,
So fair to be seen.

Love and joy come to you,
And to your wassail too

And God bless you and send you a Happy New Year,
And may God send you a Happy New Year.

God bless the Master of this house,
Likewise the Mistress too
And all the little children,
That round the table go.

Love and joy come to you,
And to your wassail too

And God bless you and send you a Happy New Year,
And God send you a Happy New Year.

And to all your kin and kinfolk
That dwell both far and near
We wish a Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year.

Love and joy come to you,
And to your wassail too

And God bless you and send you a Happy New Year,
And God send you a Happy New Year.

15. Do you hear what I hear?

Said the night wind to the little lamb
Do you see what I see? (Do you see what I see?)
Way up in the sky, little lamb
Do you see what I see? (Do you see what I see?)
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear? (Do you hear what I hear?)
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear? (Do you hear what I hear?)
A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king
Do you know what I know? (Do you know what I know?)
In your palace warm, mighty king
Do you know what I know? (Do you know what I know?)
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold
Let us bring him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere
Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)
Pray for peace, people, everywhere
Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)

The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light

16. As with gladness men of old

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright:
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore your splendour see.

As with joyful steps they sped
Saviour, to your lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
you, whom heaven and earth adore:
so with ever-quickenning pace
may we seek your throne of grace.

As they offered gifts most rare
at your cradle plain and bare,
so may we with holy joy
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly king.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last:
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds your glory hide.

17. Silent night! holy night!

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Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright,
Round the gentle mother and child,
Holy infant, tender and mild,
Rests in heavenly peace,
Rests in heavenly peace.

2

Silent night! holy night!
Guiding star, lend thy light!
See, the eastern wise men bring
Gifts and homage to our King,
Jesus Christ is here,
Jesus Christ is here.

3

Silent night! holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing
Hallelujahs to our King,
Jesus Christ is here,
Jesus Christ is here.

Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
to you all

