

Christmas Carols

1. Here We Come a-Wassailing Eb/D + capo I English

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

Refrain:

Love and joy come to you,
And to you glad Christmas, too.
And God bless you and send you a happy new year,
And God send you a happy new year.

2. We are not daily beggars
That beg from door to door,
But we are neighbors' children
Whom you have seen before.

3. God bless the master of this house,
Likewise the mistress, too,
And all the little children
That 'round the table go.

4. And all your kin and kinsfolk
That dwell both far and near,
I wish you Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year.

2. What Child Is This? Am

William Dix, ca. 1865 17th century English air

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping.
This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud
The Babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through,
The Cross be borne, for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the son of Mary.

3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high
The Virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

3. The Twelve Days Of Christmas F English

1. On the first day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear tree.

2. On the second day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.

3.-12. third...three French hens;
fourth...four calling birds;
fifth...five golden rings;
sixth...six geese a-laying;
seventh...seven swans a-swimming;
eighth...eight maids a-milking;
ninth...nine ladies dancing;
tenth...ten lords a-leaping;
eleventh...eleven pipers piping;
twelfth...twelve drummers drumming.

4. The Huron Carol Gm/Em capo III Words: Jean de Brebeuf, ca. 1643 Translated by Jesse Edgar Middleton, 1926 French Canadian melody "Jesous Ahatonhia"

1. 'Twas in the moon of wintertime
when all the birds had fled
That mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead;
Before their light the stars grew dim
and wandering hunters heard the hymn,
Jesus your King is born,
Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

2. Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender babe was found;
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round
But as the hunter braves drew nigh
the angel song rang loud and high
Jesus your King is born,
Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

3. The earliest moon of wintertime
is not so round and fair
As was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.
Jesus your King is born,
Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

4. O children of the forest free,
O seed of Manitou
The holy Child of earth and heaven is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy
who brings you beauty peace and joy.
Jesus your King is born,
Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

5. Still, Still, Still C

German text Traditional Austrian

1. Still, still, still,
Weil's Kindlein schlafen will.
Maria tut es niedersingen,
Ihre keusche Brust darbringen.
Still, still, still,
Weil's Kindlein schlafen will.

2. Schlaf, schlaf, schlaf,
Mein liebes Kindlein, schlaf!
Die Engel tun schön musizieren,
Bei dem Kindlein jublilieren
Schlaf, schlaf, schlaf,
Mein liebes Kindlein, schlaf!

1. Still, still, still,
He sleeps this night so chill!
The Virgin's tender
arms enfolding,
Warm and safe the Child are holding.
Still, still, still,
He sleeps this night so chill.

2. Sleep, sleep, sleep,
He lies in slumber deep.
While angel hosts
from heaven come winging,
Sweetest songs of joy are singing,
Sleep, sleep, sleep,
He lies in slumber deep.

6. Coventry Carol Gm/Em capo III

Words: Robert Croo 1534

1. Lully, lullay, Thou little tiny Child,
By, by, lully, lullay.
Lullay, Thou little tiny Child,
By, by, lully, lullay.

2. O sisters too, how may we do,
For to preserve this day
This poor Youngling for Whom we sing
By, by, lully, lullay?

3. Herod the king, in his raging,
Charged he hath this day
His men of might, in his own sight,
All young children to slay.

4. Then woe is me, poor Child for Thee!
And ever mourn and say;
For Thy parting, nor say nor sing,
By, by, lully, lullay.

7. Fum, Fum, Fum Em Spanish/Catalonian

1. Veinticinco de diciembre, ¡Fum, fum, fum!
Veinticinco de diciembre, ¡Fum, fum, fum!
Nacido ha por nuestro amor
El Niño Dios, el Niño Dios;
Hoy de la virgen María
En esta noche tan fría, ¡Fum, fum, fum!

2. Pajaritos de los bosques, ¡Fum, fum, fum!
Pajaritos de los bosques, ¡Fum, fum, fum!
Vuestros hijos de coral
Abandonad, abandonad,
Y formad un muelle nido
A Jesús recién nacido, ¡Fum, fum, fum!

3. Estrellitas de los cielos, ¡Fum, fum, fum!
Estrellitas de los cielos, ¡Fum, fum, fum!
Que a Jesús miráis llorar
Y no lloráis, y no lloráis,
Alumbrad la noche oscura
Con vuestra luz clara y pura, ¡Fum, fum, fum!

1. On December five and twenty, Foom, foom, foom!
On December five and twenty, Foom, foom, foom!
For the love of us is giv'n The holy Infant, Son of Heav'n.
Of the Virgin, Joseph's bride, To all the earth good will
betiding, Foom, foom, foom!

8. Chanukah Chase Am Chanukah Song – Jewish

From my window where you can send your glow
From my menorah on newly fallen snow,
I will set you one little candle
On this the first night of Chanukah.

From my window where you can send your glow
From my menorah on newly fallen snow,
I will set you two little candles
On this the second night of Chanukah. three....third,
four...fourth, five... fifth, six...sixth, seven...seventh,
eight...last.

9. We Three Kings of Orient Are Em

John H. Hopkins, 1857

1. 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 night,
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

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

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God most high.

4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

5. Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Earth to the heav'ns replies.

10. Good King Wenceslas A John M. Neale, 1853

1. Good King Wenceslas looked out
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about,
Deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the wind was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight
Gath'ring winter fuel.

2. 'Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling;
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?'
'Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain.
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes' fountain.'

3. 'Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
Bring me pinelogs hither;
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither.'
Page and monarch forth they went,
Forth they went together.
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.'

4. 'Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer.'
'Mark my footsteps, my good page,
Tread thou in them boldly.
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.'

5. In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted.
Heat was in the very sod
Which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.

11. Le Sommeil de l'Enfant Jesus Am
(The Sleep of the Infant Jesus) Traditional French

1. Entre le boeuf et l'âne gris,
Dors, dors, dors le petit fils.

Refrain: Mille anges divins, Mille séraphins,
Volent à l'entour de ce grand Dieu d'amour.

2. Entre les roses et les lys,
Dors, dors, dors le petit fils.

3. Entre les pastoureaux jolis,
Dors, dors, dors le petit fils.

1. Here 'twixt the ass and oxen mild,
Sleep, sleep, sleep, Thou little child.

Refrain: Angels pure and white,
Guard thee through the night,
Hovering o'er the cradle of the God of Light.

2. Here, with the rose and lily bright

3. Here, 'mid the shepherds' great delight

12. The Boar's Head Carol C 17th/18th cent. English

1. The boar's head in hand bear I,
Bedecked with bays and rosemary;
And I pray you, my masters, be merry,
Quot estis in convivio.
(You who are at this feast.)

Refrain: Caput apri defero,
Reddens laudes Domino.
(The boar's head I bear,
giving praises to the Lord.)

2. The boar's head, as I understand,
Is the finest dish in all the land,
When thus bedecked with a gay garland;
Let us servire cantico.
(Serve by singing.) (Refrain)

3. Our steward hath provided this
In honor of the King of Bliss,
Which on this day to be serv-ed is,
In Reginensi atrio. (In the royal hall.) (Refrain)

13. Puer Natus in Bethlehem Am
(A Boy is Born in Bethlehem) 14th century Latin carol

1. Puer natus in Bethlehem, Alleluja!
Unde gaudet Jerusalem. Alleluja, Alleluja!

2. Per Gabrielem nuntiam, Alleluja!
Virgo concepit Filium, Alleluja, Alleluja!

3. Reges de Saba veniunt, Alleluja!
Aurum, thus, myrrham offerunt,
Alleluja, Alleluja!

4. Laudetur sancta Trinitas, Alleluja!
Deo dicamus gratias, Alleluja, Alleluja!

1. A Boy is born in Bethlehem, Alleluja!
And joy is in Jerusalem, Alleluja, Alleluja!

2. Through Gabriel, Heav'ns appointed one,
The Virgin bears a holy Son.

3. The wisest kings of Orient,
Gold, frankincense, and myrrh present.

4. Laud to the Holy Trinity,
All thanks and praise to God on high.

14. Echo carol C

1. Als ich bei meinen Schafen wacht
Ein Engel mir die Botschaft bracht.

Refrain:
Des bin ich froh, bin ich froh,
Froh, froh, froh; froh, froh, froh!
Benedicamus Domino; Benedicamus Domino.

2. Er sagt', Es soll geboren sein
Zu Bethlehem ein Kindelein (Refrain)

3. Er sagt', das Kind lag da im Stall
Und soll die Welt erlösen all. (Refrain)

1. While by my sheep I watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright:

Refrain:
How great my joy, great my joy,
Joy, joy joy; Joy, joy joy,
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high.
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high.

2. There shall be born, so He did say,
In Bethlehem a Child today: (Refrain)

3. There shall He lie in manger mean,
Who shall redeem the world from sin: (Refrain)

4. This gift of God we'll cherish well,
That ever joy my heart shall fill. (Refrain)

5. Lord, evermore to me be nigh,
Then shall my heart be filled with joy! (Refrain)

15. Hajej, nynej, Ježíšku F Czech carol

1. Hajej, nynej, Ježíšku, Ježíšku,
pučíme ti kožíšku.
Budeme té kolíbati,
Abys moh' libě pospati,
Hajej, nynej, Ježíšku, Ježíšku,
Pučíme ti kožíšku.

2. Hajej, nynej, miláčku,
Miláčku, mariánský synáčku.
Budeme té kolíbati,
Abys moh' libě pospati,
Hajej, nynej, miláčku, miláčku,
Mariánský synáčku.

1. Jesus, Jesus, Baby dear, Baby dear,
We will rock Your cradle here.
We will rock You, rock You, rock You,
Gently slumber as we rock You
Jesus, Jesus, do not fear
We who love you will be near.

2. Jesus, Jesus, darling One,
Gift of Heaven, Mary's Son,
We will rock You, rock You, rock You,
Gently slumber as we rock You;
Jesus, Jesus, do not fear
We who love you will be near.

16. Como busca el tierno infante Traditional Venezuelan

Como busca el tierno infante,
afligido y pesaroso,
el descanso y el reposo
en el seno maternal;
Así yo, desde que brilla
la blanca luz de la aurora,
vengo a buscar, O Señora,
tu protección celestial.

As the frightened baby Jesus,
Shiv'ring from the cold and hunger,
Sought repose and consolation
One the Virgin Mother's breast
So would I, as day is dawning,
Come to Thee, O Holy Mary,
Seeking Thy blest consolation,
And to pray for heav'nly rest.

17. Go Tell It On The Mountain G Spiritual

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

3. Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

18. Behold That Star! Eb/D capo I Thomas W. Talley

Refrain:

Behold that star!
Behold that star up yonder,
Behold that star!
It is the star of Bethlehem.

1. There was no room found in the inn,
(It is the star of Bethlehem.)
For Him who was born free from sin.
(It is the star of Bethlehem.) (Refrain)

2. The wise men traveled from the East,
(It is the star of Bethlehem.)
To worship Him, the Prince of Peace.
(It is the star of Bethlehem.) (Refrain)

3. A song broke forth upon the night,
(It is the star of Bethlehem.)
From angel hosts all robed in white.
(It is the star of Bethlehem.) (Refrain)

19. Hush, My Babe, Lie Still and Slumber Em
Kentucky carol Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

1. Hush, my babe, lie still and slumber;
Holy angels guard thy bed;
Heavenly blessings without number,
Gently falling on thy head.

2. How much better are thou attended,
Than the Son of God could be
When from heaven He descended,
And became a child like thee.

3. Soft and easy is thy cradle,
Coarse and hard thy Savior lay.
When His birthplace was a stable,
And his softest bed was hay.

20. We Wish You a Merry Christmas Eb/D capo I
English

1. We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas,
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.

Refrain: Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin.
Good tidings for Christmas
And a happy New Year!

2. Oh, bring us some figgy pudding (x 3),
And bring it right here.

3. We won't go until we get some (x 3),
So bring it right here.

4. We all like our figgy pudding (x 3),
With all its good cheer. (Repeat 1.)