



Carols Around The Tree Song Book



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1. I Saw Three Ships

I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day, on Christmas
Day;

I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day in the
morning.

And what was in those ships all
three,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas
Day?

And what was in those ships all
three,
On Christmas Day in the
morning?

The Virgin Mary and Christ were
there,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas
Day;

The Virgin Mary and Christ were
there,
On Christmas Day in the
morning.

Pray, wither sailed those ships all
three,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas
Day;

Pray, wither sailed those ships all
three,
On Christmas Day in the
morning?

○ they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas
Day;

○ they sailed into Bethlehem,

On Christmas Day in the
morning.

And all the bells on earth shall
ring,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas
Day;

And all the bells on earth shall
ring,
On Christmas Day in the
morning.

And all the Angels in Heaven
shall sing,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas
Day;

And all the Angels in Heaven
shall sing,
On Christmas Day in the
morning.

And all the souls on earth shall
sing,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas
Day;

And all the souls on earth shall
sing,
On Christmas Day in the
morning.

Then let us all rejoice again,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas
Day;

Then let us all rejoice again,
On Christmas Day in the morning

2. The Holly and the Ivy

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

The holly bears a blossom
As white as lily flower
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To be our sweet Saviour
O the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing of the choir

The holly bears a berry
As red as any blood
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To do poor sinners good
O the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing of the choir

The holly bears a prickle
As sharp as any thorn;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas Day in the morn.
O the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing of the choir

The holly bears a bark
As bitter as any gall;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to redeem us all.

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

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



3. O Little Town of Bethlehem

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

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

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive
him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

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

4. While Shepherds Watched

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

“Fear not,” he said,
For mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.”

“To you in David’s
Town this day
Is born of David’s line
The Savior who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign.”

“The heavenly Babe
You there shall find
To human view displayed
And meanly wrapped
In swathing bands
And in a manger laid.”

Thus spake the seraph, And
forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song

“All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth From heaven
to men
Begin and never cease!”



5. Ding Dong Merrily on High

Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing

Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
(repeat)

E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!"
By priest and people sungen

Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
(repeat)

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers,
May you beautifully rhyme
Your evetime song, ye singers

Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
(repeat)

6. Once in Royal David's City

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.

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.

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 cares when we are sad,
And he shares when we are glad.

And our eyes at last shall see
Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above:
And He leads His children on,
To the place where He is gone.



7. Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Chorus:
Come and worship,
Christ the newborn King
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn
King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by
night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light;

[Chorus]

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star;

[Chorus]

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear:

[Chorus]

8. Good King Wenceslas

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 frost was cruel
When a poor man came in sight
Gathering winter fuel

Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou knowst 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.

Bring me flesh and bring me wine
Bring me pine logs hither
Thou and I shall see him dine
When we bear them thither.
Page and monarch, forth they
went
Forth they went together
Through the rude winds wild
lament
And the bitter weather.

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, good my page
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shall find the winters rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.

In his masters step 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.



9. We Three Kings of Orient Are

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

Chorus:
O Star of wonder, star of night
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

[Chorus]

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

[Chorus]

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes of life of gathering
gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding,
dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

[Chorus]

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia
Earth to heav'n replies

[Chorus]

10. O Come All Ye Faithful

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

Chorus:

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

God of God, Light of Light
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb
Very God
Begotten, not created

[Chorus]

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
All glory in the highest

[Chorus]

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

[Chorus]



11. Away in a Manger

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.

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 bedside
till morning is nigh.

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.

12. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing “
Glory to the newborn 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 host proclaim:
“Christ is born in Bethlehem”

Chorus:
Hark! The herald angels sing
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ by highest heav’n 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

[Chorus]

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of
Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Ris’n 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

[Chorus]



13. 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.

Chorus:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
As it shone in the East beyond
them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and
night.

[Chorus]

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.

[Chorus]

This star drew nigh to the
Northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and
stay
Right o'er the place where Jesus
lay.

[Chorus]

Then entered in those Wise men
three
Full reverently upon their knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and
frankincense.

[Chorus]

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made Heaven and
earth of nought
And with his blood mankind has
bought.

[Chorus]

14. Good Christian Men Rejoice

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! (repeat)

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 ope'd the heav'nly door
And man is blessed evermore
Christ was born for this (repeat)

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 (repeat)



15. Silent Night

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 Saviour is born
Christ, the Saviour 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

16. In The Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter
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 midwinter, long, long ago

Our God, Heaven cannot hold
Him
Nor earth sustain
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ

Enough for Him whom cherubim
Worship night and day
A breastful of milk, and a
mangerful of hay
Enough for Him whom angels fall
down before
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore

Angels and archangels may have
gathered there
Cherubim and seraphim thronged
the air
But only His mother in her maiden
bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss

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



17. Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and
nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour
reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks,
hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows
grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings
flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

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.

18. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray
Oh tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray
Oh tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

In Bethlehem, in Israel
This blessed Babe was born
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn
The which His Mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn
Oh tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

Fear not then, said the Angel
Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure Virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's pow'r and might
Oh tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy

Oh tidings of comfort and joy

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray
Oh tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy



19. Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on bobtails ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight

Chorus:

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

[Repeat]

20. We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to you and
your kin;
Good tidings for Christmas and a
Happy New Year.

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and
a cup of good cheer

We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some, so
bring some out here

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.





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