



# Carols by Candlelight

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## Away in a Manger

Away in a manger  
No crib for His bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
Lay down His sweet head  
The stars in the sky  
Look down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing  
The poor Baby wakes  
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

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 be with Thee there.

## Boar's Head Carol

The boar's head in hand bear I,  
Bedeck'd with bays and rosemary.  
And I pray you, my masters, be merry  
Quot estis in convivio

*Caput apri defero  
Reddens laudes Domino*

The boar's head, as I understand,  
Is the rarest dish in all this land,

Which thus bedeck'd with a gay garland  
Let us servire cantico.

*Caput apri defero, etc*

Our steward hath provided this  
In honour of the King of Bliss;  
Which on this day to be servèd is  
In Reginensi atrio.

*Caput apri defero, etc*

## Coventry Carol

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child,  
Bye bye, lully, lullay  
Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child  
Bye bye, lully, lullay

O sisters too, how may we do  
For to preserve this day  
This poor youngling, for whom we do sing  
“Bye bye, lully lullay”?

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

Then woe is me, poor child, for thee  
And ever mourn and pray  
For thy parting, nor say nor sing,  
“Bye bye, lully lullay.”

## Deck the Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
'Tis the season to be jolly  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
Don we now our gay apparel  
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la.  
Troll the ancient Yule-tide carol

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.

See the blazing Yule before us.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Strike the harp and join the Chorus.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Follow me in merry measure.

Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la.

While I tell of Yule-tide treasure.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Fast away the old year passes.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Hail the new year, lads and lasses

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Sing we joyous, all together.

Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la.

Heedless of the wind and weather.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

## 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!

E'en so here below, below,

Let steeple bells be swungen,

And "io, io, io!"

By priest and people sungen.

Gloria

Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime

Your matin chime, ye ringers;

May you beautifully rime

Your evetime song, ye singers.

Gloria

Hosanna in excelsis!

## The First Nowell

The first Nowell 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:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
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:

*Nowell, etc*

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 wheresoever it went:

*Nowell, etc*

## God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour  
Was born upon this 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.*

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:

*O tidings ...*

But when to Bethlehem they came,  
Whereat this Infant lay,  
They found Him in a manger,  
Where oxen feed on hay;  
His mother Mary kneeling,  
Unto the Lord did pray:

*O tidings ...*

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 deface:

*O tidings ...*

## 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.

## Hark the Herald Angels

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 th' angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored:  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the favoured one.  
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;  
Hail, th'incarnate Deity:

Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!

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 son of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King !"

## Here We Come a-Wassailing

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

*Love and joy come to you,  
And to you your wassail, too,  
And God bless you, and send you  
A Happy New Year,  
And God send you a Happy New Year.*

Good master and good mistress,  
As you sit beside the fire,  
Pray think of us poor children  
Who wander in the mire.  
*Love and joy, etc*

Bring us out a table  
And spread it with a cloth;  
Bring us out a cheese,  
And of your Christmas loaf.  
*Love and joy, etc*

God bless the master of this house,

Likewise the mistress too;  
And all the little children  
That round the table go.  
*Love and joy, etc*

## The Holly and the Ivy

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

*The rising of the sun  
The running of the deer,  
The playing of the organ  
Sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly wears a blossom  
As white as any flower,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To be our Saviour.

CHORUS

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

CHORUS

The holly bears a prickle  
As sharp as any thorn,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
On Christmas Day in the morn.

CHORUS

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

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

## 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 on snow  
In the bleak midwinter  
Long, long ago

Angels and Archangels  
May have travelled there  
Cherubim and Seraphim  
Thronged the air  
But only his Mother  
In her maiden bliss  
Worshiped 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  
But what I can I give him  
Give him my heart  
Give him my heart

## I Saw Three Ships

I saw three ships come sailing by  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day  
I saw three ships come sailing by

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.

## Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow  
On a one horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go,  
Laughing all the way  
Bells on bob tail ring,  
making spirits bright  
What fun it is to laugh 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  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh

A day or two ago,  
I thought I'd take a ride,  
And soon Miss Fanny Bright  
Was seated by my side;  
The horse was lean and lank  
Misfortune seemed his lot  
We got into a drifted bank,  
And then we got upsot.

*Jingle Bells, etc*

Now the ground is white  
Go it while you're young  
Take the girls tonight  
And sing this sleighing song  
Just get a bob tailed bay  
two-forty as his speed  
Hitch him to an open sleigh  
And crack! you'll take the lead

*Jingle Bells, etc*

## 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

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

## Little Drummer Boy

Come they told me, pa rum pum pum pum  
A new born king to see, pa rum pum pum pum  
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum  
To lay before the king, pa rum pum pum pum,  
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum  
So to honour him, pa rum pum pum pum  
When we come.

Little baby, pa rum pum pum pum  
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum  
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum  
That's fit to give our king, pa rum pum pum pum,  
Rum pum pum pum, Rum pum pum pum  
Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum  
On my drum ?

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum  
The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum  
I played my drum for him, pa rum pum pum pum  
I played my best for him, pa rum pum pum pum,  
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum  
Then he smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum  
Me and my drum.

## Mary's Boy Child

Long time ago in Bethlehem  
So the Holy Bible say  
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ  
Was born on Christmas day

Hark, now hear the angels sing  
A new King born today  
And man will live forever more  
Because of Christmas day

While shepherds watched their flock by night  
And see a bright new shining star  
And hear a choir sing  
The music seem to come from afar

Now Joseph and his wife Mary  
Come to Bethlehem that night  
And find no place to borne she child  
Not a single room was in sight

Hark, now hear the angels sing  
A new King born today

And man will live forever more  
Because of Christmas day

By and by they find a little nook  
In a stable all forlorn  
And in a manger cold and dark  
Mary's little boy was born

Hark, now hear the angels sing  
A new King born today  
And man will live forever more  
Because of Christmas day

## 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;

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

Highest, most holy,  
Light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin,  
A mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing!

CHORUS

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
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

## O Holy Night

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining.  
Till He appeared and the Spirit felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, the night when Christ was born;  
O night, O Holy Night , O night divine!  
O night, O Holy Night , O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
O'er the world a star is sweetly gleaming,  
Now come the wisemen from out of the Orient land.  
The King of kings lay thus lowly manger;  
In all our trials born to be our friends.  
He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger,  
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!  
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another,  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother.  
And in his name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
With all our hearts we praise His holy name.  
Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever praise we,  
His power and glory ever more proclaim!  
His power and glory ever more proclaim!

## 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 to-night.

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.

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 in us to-day.  
We hear the Christmas angels,  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel!

## Once in Royal David's City

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Stood a lowly cattle shed  
Where a mother laid her baby,  
In a manger for a 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 meek and lowly  
Live on Earth our Saviour Holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood  
He would honour and obey;  
Love and watch the lowly maiden  
In whose gentle arms He lay.  
Christian children all must be  
Mild, obedient, good as He.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through his own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is the Lord in Heav'n above  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.

## Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer  
Had a very shiny nose  
And if you ever saw it  
You would even say it glows  
All of the other reindeer  
Used to laugh and call him names  
They never let poor Rudolph  
Join in any reindeer games

Then one foggy Christmas Eve  
Santa came to say  
"Rudolph, with your nose so bright  
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then how the reindeer loved him  
As they shouted out with glee  
"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer  
You'll go down in history"

## See Amid the Winter's Snow

See, amid the winter's snow,  
Born for us on Earth below,  
See, the tender Lamb appears,  
Promised from eternal years.

Hail, thou ever blessed morn,  
Hail redemption's happy dawn,  
Sing through all Jerusalem,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies  
He who built the starry skies;  
He who, throned in height sublime,  
Sits among the cherubim.

Hail, thou ever blessed morn, etc

Say, ye holy shepherds, say,  
What your joyful news today;  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
On the lonely mountain steep?

Hail, thou ever blessed morn, etc

"As we watched at dead of night,  
Lo, we saw a wondrous light:  
Angels singing 'Peace On Earth'  
Told us of the Saviour's birth."

Hail, thou ever blessed morn, etc

Sacred Infant, all divine,  
What a tender love was Thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this.

Hail, thou ever blessed morn, etc

## Silent Night

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin, Mother, 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.

## Sussex Carol

On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sins he set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty?

All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night;  
"Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and forever more, Amen!"

# The 12 Days of Christmas

On the **first** day of Christmas  
My true love gave to me:  
A partridge in a pear tree.

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

On the **third** day of Christmas  
My true love gave to me:  
Three French Hens  
Two turtle doves  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the **fourth** day of Christmas  
My true love gave to me:  
Four calling birds  
Three French Hens  
Two turtle doves  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the **fifth** day of Christmas  
My true love gave to me:  
Five gold rings  
Four Calling Birds  
Three French Hens  
Two turtle doves  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the **sixth** day of Christmas  
My true love gave to me:  
Six Geese a Laying  
Five Golden Rings  
Four Calling Birds  
Three French Hens  
Two turtle doves  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the **seventh** day of Christmas

My true love gave to me:

Seven Swans a Swimming

Six Geese a Laying

Five Golden Rings

Four Calling Birds

Three French Hens

Two turtle doves

And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the **eighth** day of Christmas

My true love gave to me:

Eight Maids a Milking

Seven Swans a Swimming

Six Geese a Laying

Five Golden Rings

Four Calling Birds

Three French Hens

Two turtle doves

And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the **ninth** day of Christmas

My true love gave to me:

Nine Ladies Waiting

Eight Maids a Milking

Seven Swans a Swimming

Six Geese a Laying

Five Golden Rings

Four Calling Birds

Three French Hens

Two turtle doves

And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the **tenth** day of Christmas

My true love gave to me:

Ten Lords a Leaping

Nine Ladies Waiting

Eight Maids a Milking

Seven Swans a Swimming

Six Geese a Laying

Five Golden Rings

Four Calling Birds  
Three French Hens  
Two turtle doves  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the **eleventh** day of Christmas  
My true love gave to me:  
'leven Pipers Piping  
Ten Lords a Leaping  
Nine Ladies Waiting  
Eight Maids a Milking  
Seven Swans a Swimming  
Six Geese a Laying  
Five Golden Rings  
Four Calling Birds  
Three French Hens  
Two turtle doves  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the **twelfth** day of Christmas  
My true love gave to me:  
Twelve Drummers Drumming  
'leven Pipers Piping  
Ten Lords a Leaping  
Nine Ladies Waiting  
Eight Maids a Milking  
Seven Swans a Swimming  
Six Geese a Laying  
Five Golden Rings  
Four Calling Birds  
Three French Hens  
Two turtle doves  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

## We Three Kings

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



Oh, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright.  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide with thy perfect light.

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

Frankincense to offer have I,  
incense owns a Deity nigh  
Pray'r and praising, all men raising,  
Worship him, God most high, oh

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

Glorious now behold him arise  
King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Sounds through the earth and skies.

CHORUS

## 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;  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year!

Oh, bring us some figgy pudding,  
Oh, bring us some figgy pudding,  
Oh, bring us some figgy pudding,  
And bring it right here.

Good tidings we bring  
To you and your kin;  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year!

We won't go till we get some,  
We won't go till we get some,  
We won't go till we get some,  
So bring it right here.  
Good tidings we bring  
To you and your kin;  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year!

We all like our figgy pudding,  
We all like our figgy pudding,  
We all like our figgy pudding,  
With all its good cheers  
Good tidings we bring  
To you and your kin  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year.

## While Shepherds Watched

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

Fear not, said he, for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind.  
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  
A Saviour, which is Christ the Lord,  
And this shall be the sign.

The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,

All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,  
And in a manger laid.

All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace;  
Good will henceforth from heaven to earth  
Begin and never cease!



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