

# Carols around Cophthorne Village

## 1. 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,  
In the bleak midwinter, 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 midwinter, A stable place sufficed  
The Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

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.



## 2. 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.

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.



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.



### 3. 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.

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.



## 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," said he, (For mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled minds)  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind."

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



## 5. 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



## 6. 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 You, Lord Jesus, Look down from the sky  
And stay by my side, Until morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask You to stay  
Close by me forever, And love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children, In Your tender care  
And fit us for heaven, To live with You there



## 7. See Him Lying on a Bed of Straw

See Him lying on a bed of straw,  
A draughty stable with an open door;  
Mary cradling the babe she bore;  
The Prince of glory is His name.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem,  
To see the Lord appear to men;  
Just as poor as was the stable then,  
The Prince of glory when He came.*

Star of silver, sweep across the skies,  
Show where Jesus in the manger lies;  
Shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise  
To see the Saviour of the world.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem,  
To see the Lord appear to men;  
Just as poor as was the stable then,  
The Prince of glory when He came.*





Angels, sing again the song you sang,  
Bring God's glory to the heart of man;  
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can  
Be salvation to the soul.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem,  
To see the Lord appear to men;  
Just as poor as was the stable then,  
The Prince of glory when He came.*

Mine are riches, from Thy poverty,  
From Thine innocence, eternity;  
Mine, forgiveness by Thy death for me,  
Child of sorrow for my joy.

*O now carry me to Bethlehem,  
To see the Lord appear to men;  
Just as poor as was the stable then,  
The Prince of glory when He came.*



## 8. Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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 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 th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.



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

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun 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.

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



## 9. 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!*

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

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*



Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:  
Glory to God  
In the highest:

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*



## 10. The First Nowell

The first nowell the angel 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 lookèd 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, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
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.

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*



## 11. It Came Upon the Midnight Clear,

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold;  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men  
From heaven's all-gracious King" –  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel-sounds  
The blessed angels sing.



Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And warring humankind, hears not  
The love song which they bring; –  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing!





## 12. 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 power  
When we were gone astray  
*O tidings of comfort and joy*  
*Comfort and joy*  
*O 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  
*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 of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy*



## 13. 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.

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

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, 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.



## 14. Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer  
and Vixen  
Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen  
But do you recall  
The most famous reindeer of all?

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"

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## 15. Little donkey

Little donkey, little donkey  
On the dusty road  
Gotta keep on plodding onward  
With your precious load

Been a long time little donkey  
Through the winters night  
Don't give up now little donkey  
Bethlehem's in sight

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

Little donkey, little donkey  
Had a heavy day  
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way  
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way



Little donkey, little donkey  
Journey's end is near  
There's a guiding star up in the  
Heaven shining clear  
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way  
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way



## 16. 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 until we get some  
We won't go until we get some  
We won't go until 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

We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
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new year

