

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.

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*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

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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



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