

II. GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

English traditional carol
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

v. 1 Unison voices with organ
v. 2 Unaccompanied voices

SOPRANO
ALTO

(ORGAN)

TENOR
BASS

1. God rest you mer-ry, gen-tle-men, Let no-thing you dis-may, For
2. From God our heav'-nly Fa-ther A bless-ed an-gel came, And

Je-sus Christ our Sa-viour Was born up-on this day, To save us all from
un-to cer-tain shep-herds Brought ti-dings of the same, How that in Beth-le-

Sa-tan's power When we were gone a-stray:
-hem was born The Son of God by name: O— ti-dings of com-fort and

com-fort and
joy, and— joy, O— ti-dings of com-fort and joy.
and— joy,

* If preferred, the refrain may always be sung in unison (with organ accompaniment)

- Unison voices*
3. The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding,
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway
This blessed babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

- Unaccompanied voices*
4. 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 of comfort and joy.