

La La Choirs Christmas Carols 2021



Away in a Manger

1. Away in a Manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head
The stars in the bright sky look down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

2. 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 side until morning is nigh.

3. 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.

Coventry Carol

[Refrain]

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child; By by, lully, lullay

1. O sisters too, how may we do
For to preserve this day
This poor youngling, for whom we do sing
By by, lully, lullay

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

3. That woe is me, Poor child for thee!
And ever morn and day
For thy parting, neither say nor sing
By by, lully, lullay

[Repeat refrain]

While Shepherds Watched their Flocks

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

2. "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind,
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you And all mankind."

3. "To you, in David's town this day,
Is born of David's line
The Saviour who is Christ the Lord,
And this shall be the sign:

4. The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."

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

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

Deck the Hall

1. Deck the hall with boughs of holly, *Fa la la la la la, la la la la*
'Tis the season to be jolly, *Fa la la la la la, la la la la*
Fill the mead cup, drain the barrel, *Fa la la, la la la, la la la*
Troll the ancient Christmas carol, *Fa la la la la la, la la la la*

2. See the flowing bowl before us, *Fa la la la la la, la la la la*
Strike the harp and join the chorus, *Fa la la la la la, la la la la*
Follow me in merry measure, *Fa la la, la la la, la la la*
While I sing of beauty's treasure, *Fa la la la la la, la la la la*

3. Fast away the old year passes, *Fa la la la la la, la la la la*
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, *Fa la la, la la la, la la la*
Laughing, quaffing, all together, *Fa la la la la la, la la la la*
Heedless of the wind and weather, *Fa la la la la la, la la la la*

Ding Dong! Merrily On High

1. 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!

2. E'en so here below, below, Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!" By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

3. Pray you, dutifully prime Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime Your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Gaudete!

Gaudete! Gaudete! Christus est natus
Ex Maria Virgine : Gaudete (*refrain*)

Verses sung by soloist or tenors:

1. Tempus adest gratiae hoc quod optabamus
Carmina laetitia devote redamus
2. Deus homo factus est natura mirante
Mundus renovates est a christo regnante
3. Ezechiel lis porta clausa pertransitur
Unde lux est orta, salus invenitur
4. Ergo nostra concio psallat jam in lustro
Benedicat domino salus regi nostro

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

1. 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*

2. From God our Heav'nly 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...

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 the blessed babe to find

O tidings...

Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night All is calm, all is bright
See the gentle Mother and child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Rest in heavenly peace Rest in heavenly peace

2. Silent night, holy night! Guiding star, lend thy light
See the Eastern wise men bring
Gifts and homage to our King
Jesus Christ is born, Jesus Christ is born.

3. Silent night, holy night Wondrous star, lend thy light
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King
Jesus Christ is here, Jesus Christ is here.

(Last verse sung by tenor/bass)

4. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds first saw the sight
Heard the angel-song, al-le-lu-ia
Loud proclaiming near and far,
Christ our saviour is here, Christ our saviour is here

Once in Royal David's City [*Verse 1 solo*]

[1. 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.]

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 feeleth for our sadness, and He shareth in our
gladness.

5. 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.

6. Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on
high;
When like stars His children crowned, all in white shall be
around

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...

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. 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 angelic host proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

[Refrain]

Hark! the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven 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 men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel

[Refrain]

3. 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 sons of earth, born to give them second
birth

[Refrain]

In the Bleak Mid-winter

1. 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 ago
2. 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 almighty Jesus Christ
3. Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day
A breastful of milk, and a manger full of hay;
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before
The ox and ass and camel which adore
4. Angels and archangels may have gathered there
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air
But only by his mother in her maiden bliss
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss
5. 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

O Come, All ye faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
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.*

2. God of God, Light of light
Lo he abhors not the Virgin's womb
Very God, begotten, not created

3. See how the shepherds, summoned to His cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

4. Lo! Star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child bring our hearts' oblations

5. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace Thee, with love and awe;
Who would not love Thee, loving us so dearly?

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

O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. 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

2. 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 wond'ring love

3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in

4. 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