

**Carols from *The*
Soul Felt Its
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December 1
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

By: Robert Robinson

Verse 1

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Verse 2

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here there by Thy great help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Verse 3

Oh, that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothed then in the blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Take my ransomed soul away
Send Thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day

Verse 4

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

December 2

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Traditional Latin; translated by John Mason Neale

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Verse 2

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave. *(Refrain)*

Verse 3

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *(Refrain)*

Verse 4

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path of misery. *(Refrain)*

Verse 5

O come, Adonai, Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe. *(Refrain)*

December 3

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

By: Charles Wesley

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,

let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

December 4

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

By: Edmund Hamilton Sears and Richard Storrs Willis

Verse 1

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, goodwill to [all],
From heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

Verse 2

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 man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

Verse 3

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours

Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing!

Verse 4

For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

December 5
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

By: Nahum Tate

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

"Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind;
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and [humankind]."

Verse 3

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

Verse 4

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

Verse 5

Thus spake the seraph and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng

Of angels praising God on high,
Who thus addressed their song:

Verse 6

"All glory be to God on high,
And to the Earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heav'n to [all]
Begin and never cease!"

December 6
O Little Town of Bethlehem

By: Phillips Brooks

Verse 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

Verse 2

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to [all] on earth

Verse 3

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.

Verse 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

December 7

Once in Royal David's City

By: Cecil Frances Alexander

Verse 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.

Verse 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 Savior holy.

Verse 3

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.

Verse 4

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.

December 8

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

By: Theodore Baker and Michael Praetorius

Verse 1

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-gone was the night.

Verse 2

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore [for us] a Savior,
When half-gone was the night.

Verse 3

This Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load

December 9

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

By: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Verse 1

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Verse 2

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom

Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Verse 3

Till ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Verse 4

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Verse 5

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

December 10
God rest You Merry Gentlemen
Traditional English Carol

Verse 1

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior
was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray;

Refrain

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse 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, *(Refrain)*

Verse 3

"Fear not, then," said the angel,
"let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior
of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him
from Satan's pow'r and might." *(Refrain)*

Verse 4

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 Son of God to find. *(Refrain)*

December 11
We Three Kings

By: John Henry Hopkins Jr.

Verse 1

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

Refrain:

O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light

Verse 2

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign *(Refrain)*

Verse 3

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh

Prayer and praising, [we are] raising
Worship Him, God most high *(Refrain)*

Verse 4

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes of life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb *(Refrain)*

Verse 5

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia
Earth to heav'n replies *(Refrain)*

December 12

The First Noel

By: Traditional English Carol

Verse 1

The first noel 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.

Refrain

Noel Noel,
Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Verse 2

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. *(Refrain)*

Verse 3

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. *(Refrain)*

Verse 4

This star drew nigh to the northwest,

o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. *(Refrain)*

Verse 5

Then entered in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there, in His presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. *(Refrain)*

Verse 6

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
and with His blood [our life] mankind hath bought. *(Refrain)*

December 13
Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional French Carol Translated by: James Chadwick

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Verse 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be?
Which inspire your heavenly songs? *(Refrain)*

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *(Refrain)*

Verse 4

See Him in a manger laid,

Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Saviour's birth. *(Refrain)*

December 14
O Come All Ye Faithful

By: John Francis Wade; Translated by: Frederick Oakeley

Verse 1

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:

Refrain

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

Verse 2

God of God, light of light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
True God, begotten, not created: *(Refrain)*

Verse 3

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest: *(Refrain)*

Verse 4

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *(Refrain)*

December 15
The Hymn of Joy

By: Henry van Dyke and Ludwig van Beethoven

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Op'ning to the Sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness

drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
fill us with the light of day

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in Thee

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving
ever blessing, ever blest
well-spring of the joy of living
ocean-depth of happy rest
Thou the Father, Christ our Brother-
all who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
lift us to the Joy Divine

Verse 4

Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began
Father-love is reigning o'er us
brother-love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward
victors in the midst of strife
joyful music lifts us sunward
in the triumph song of life

December 16

The Messiah: Hallelujah Chorus

By: George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth
Hallelujah

The kingdom of this world
Is become
The kingdom of our Lord

And of His Christ
And of His Christ

And He shall reign forever and ever

King of Kings (Forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)
And Lord of Lords (For ever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)

And he shall reign forever and ever (And he shall reign)

King of kings forever and ever
And Lord of Lords hallelujah hallelujah
And he shall reign forever, forever and ever
King of Kings and Lord of Lords
King of Kings and Lord of Lords
And He shall reign forever and ever
(And He shall reign forever and ever)

Forever and ever, forever and ever (King of Kings and Lord of Lords)

Hallelujah

December 17
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
By: Charles Wesley

Verse 1

HARK! the Herald Angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and Mercy mild,
God and Sinners reconcil'd.
Joyful all ye Nations rise,
Join the Triumph of the Skies;
Nature rise and worship him,
Who is born in Bethlehem.

Refrain

HARK! the Herald Angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!

Verse 2

Christ by highest Heav'n ador'd,
Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in Time behold-him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's Womb.
Veil'd in Flesh the Godhead see,

Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleas'd as Man with Men t'appear,
Jesus our Emmanuel here. *(Refrain)*

Verse 3

Hail the Heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and Life around he brings,
Ris'n with Healing in his Wings.
Mild He lays his Glory by,
Born that [we] no more may die,
Born to raise [us from the] Earth,
Born to give [us] second Birth. *(Refrain)*

December 18
Go Tell It on the Mountain

Traditional African-American Spiritual

Refrain

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

Verse 1

While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. *(Refrain)*

Verse 2

The shepherds feared and trembled,
When lo! Above the earth,
Rang out the angels chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth. *(Refrain)*

Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. *(Refrain)*

December 19
Glory Be to God on High

By: Charles Wesley

Verse 1

Glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth descend;
God comes down, He bows the sky,
And shows Himself our Friend!
God th'invisible appears,
God the Blest, the Great I AM,
Sojourns in this vale of tears,
And Jesus is His Name.

Verse 2

Him the angels all adored,
Their Maker and their King;
Tidings of their humbled Lord
They now to mortals bring;
Emptied of His majesty,
Of His dazzling glories shorn,
Being's Source begins to be,
And God Himself is born!

Verse 3

See th'eternal Son of God
A mortal Son of Man,
Dwelling in an earthly clod
Whom Heaven cannot contain!
Stand amazed, ye heav'ns, at this!
See the Lord of earth and skies
Humbled to the dust He is,
And in a manger lies!

Verse 4

We, the sons of men, rejoice,
The Prince of Peace proclaim,
With the angels lift up our voice,
And shout Immanuel's Name;
Knees and hearts to Him we bow;
Of our flesh, and of our bone,
Jesus is our Brother now,
And God is all our own!

December 20
What Child is This?

By: William Chatterton Dix

Verse 1

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him though,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Verse 3

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

December 21
Away in a Manger

By: Anonymous

Verse 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 looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Verse 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 cradle till morning is nigh.

Verse 3

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 live with thee there.

December 22

Good Christian [Friends] Rejoice

Translated by: John Mason Neale

Verse 1

Good Christian [friends], rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say
News! News!
Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before Him bow
And He is in the manger now
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Verse 2

Good Christian [friends], rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss
Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this
He hath ope'd the heav'nly door
And [we are blest for] evermore
Christ was born for this
Christ was born for this

Verse 3

Good Christian [friends], rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save
Calls you one and calls you all

To gain [the] everlasting hall
Christ was born to save
Christ was born to save

December 23

O Holy Night

By: Adolphe Adam and Placide Cappeau

Verse 1

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Refrain 1

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O holy, O night Divine.

Verse 2

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.

Refrain 2

Christ is the Lord! O praise his Name forever,
His power and glory evermore proclaim.
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

December 24

Silent Night

By: Joseph Mohr and Franz Xaver Gruber

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

Verse 3

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.

December 25
Joy to the World
By: Isaac Watts

Verse 1

Joy to the World; the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let [us our] songs employ;
While fields & floods, rocks, hills & plains
Repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.