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Carols in the Square

Song Sheet



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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
Looked down where he lay,
The Little Lord Jesus asleep on 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.

Good King Wenceslas

1) Good King Wenceslas looked out,
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay 'round about,
Deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel.
When a poor man came in sight,
Gath'ring winter fuel.

2) 'Hither page, and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?'
'Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes' fountain.'

3) 'Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,
Bring me pine-logs hither:
Thou and I will see him dine,
when we bear them thither.'

Page and monarch, forth they went,
Forth they went together;
Through the rude wind's wild lament
and the bitter weather.

Good King Wenceslas

4) ‘Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger,
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer.’
‘Mark my footsteps, good my page,
Tread thou in them boldly:
Thou shalt find the winter’s rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.’

5) In his master’s steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.



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.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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



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I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In

1) I saw three ships come sailing in

On Christmas Day, On Christmas Day,
I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day in the morning.

2) And what was in those ships all three?

3) Our Saviour Christ and his lady,

4) Pray, whither sailed those ships all three?

5) O they sailed into Bethlehem.

6) And all the bells on earth shall ring,

7) And all the angels in Heav'n shall sing,

8) And all the souls on earth shall sing,

9) Then let us all rejoice amain

O Come All Ye Faithful

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:`

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

Once In Royal David's City

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 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 heav'n above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.



Silent Night

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.

2) Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quail at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia:
Christ, the Saviour is born,
Christ, the Saviour is born.

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.

The Holly and the Ivy

1) The holly and the ivy,
When they both are full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown.

The rising of the sun,
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.

2) The holly bears a blossom
As white as lily flow'r
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
to be our sweet Saviour.

3) The holly bears a berry
As red as any blood;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to do us sinners good.

4) The holly bears a prickle
As sharp as any thorn;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas Day in the morn.

5) The holly bears a bark
As bitter as any gall;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to redeem us all.

The First Nowell

1) 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.

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.

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

4) This star drew near to the north-west,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

5) Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offeref there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

6) Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of nought,
And with his blood mankind hath bought

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel.



The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy

1) The virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The virgin Mary had a baby boy,
And they say that his name was Jesus.

He come from the Glory,
He come from the glorious Kingdom
He come from the Glory,
He come from the glorious Kingdom.
O yes, believer,
O yes Believer
He come from the Kingdom.
He come from the glorious Kingdom.

2) The angels sang when the baby was born,
The angels sang when the baby was born,
The angels sang when the baby was born,
And they proclaim him the baby Jesus.

3) The wise men saw where the baby was born,
The wise men saw where the baby was born,
The wise men saw where the baby was born,
And they say that his name was Jesus

While Shepherds watched

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,
   A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
   And this shall be the sign;

4) The heavenly babe you there shall find
   To human view displayed
   And 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 to the earth be peace
   Goodwill henceforth.from heaven to men
   Begin and never cease!

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

MELCHIOR

2) Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring, to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

CASPAR

3) Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising, all men raising,.
Worship Him, God most high.

BALTHAZAR

4) Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

5) Glorious now, behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice,
Heav'n sings alleluia,
Alleluia the earth replies:

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

