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# 2023 Carols Program

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## Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heav'n and nature sing,
And Heav'n and nature sing,
And Heav'n, and Heav'n, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns,
Let men their songs employ,
While field and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove,
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders, of His love. (x3)

## Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

Oh, come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
Born the King of angels;

#### [CHORUS]

Oh, come, let us adore him; Oh, come, let us adore him; Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

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

#### [CHORUS]

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given. Son of the Father, Now in flesh appearing;

#### [CHORUS]

## 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 angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

#### [CHORUS]

Hark, the herald angels sing, Glory to the new born King.

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.

#### [CHORUS]

Hail the Heavenly 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 need die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth,

[CHORUS]

### Go Tell it on the Mountain

While shepherds kept their watchin'
Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

#### [CHORUS]

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

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the earth
Rang out an angel chorus
That held our saviour's birth

And down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn

#### [CHORUS]

I was a lonely seeker
I sought both night and day
And I asked the Lord to help me
And he showed me the way

#### [CHORUS]

Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born (repeat x 3)

# **Good King Wenceslas**

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, gathering winter fuel.

"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.

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,
You who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.

### 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

How silently, how silently,
The wonderous gift is given,
So God imparts to human hearts,
The blessings of His Heaven,
No ear may hear His comping,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born to us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

# **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,

Silent Night, Holy Night, Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah, 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.

# **Angels We have Heard on High**

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

#### [CHORUS]

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?

#### [CHORUS]

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ Whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King

#### [CHORUS]

See Him in a manger laid, Whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend you aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

#### [CHORUS]

# **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 Savior Holy

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

## Do you hear what I hear?

Said the night wind to the little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite,
With a tail as big as a kite.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea,
With a voice as big as the sea.

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold,
Let us bring him silver and gold.

Said the king to the people everywhere,
Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people, everywhere,
Listen to what I say!
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light,
He will bring us goodness and light.

### O Come O Come Emmanuel

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

#### [CHORUS]

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

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight

## [CHORUS]x2

O come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery

[CHORUS]x2

## We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts, we traverse so far,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder Star.

#### [Chorus]

O, Star of Wonder, Star of Night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect Light.

Born a King on Bethlehems plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again, King for ever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign.

## [Chorus]

Glorious now, behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Earth to the heav'ns replies.

[Chorus]

# It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon a 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 men
From heavens 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

For lo! the days are hastening on
By prophets seen of old
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold
When the new heaven and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace, their King
And the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing

## I Heard the Bells

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.

I thought, as now this day had come, the belfries of all Christendom had rung so long the unbroken song of peace on earth, good will to men.

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."

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."

### What Child is this

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

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
The end of fear, for all who hear,
The silent Word is speaking,
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to love Him,
The King of Kings, salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him,
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary

# O Holy Night

The Stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Saviours birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn'

Fall on your knees
O hear the angels voices
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night divine, O night, O night divine

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, Here came the wise men from Orient land. The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger. In all our trials born to be our friend.

He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger Behold your King! Before him lowly bend! Behold your King! Before him lowly bend! 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!

Christ is the Lord!
O Praise his name forever.
His power and glory evermore proclaim
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

## **God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**

God rest ye 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

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

The shepherds at these 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 of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

## **Jingle Bell Rock**

Jingle bell, jingle bell rock Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun Now the jingle hop has begun

Jingle bell, jingle bell rock
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time
Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square
In the frosty air

What a bright time, it's the right time To rock the night away

Jingle bell time is a swell time
To go gliding in a one-horse sleigh
Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet
Jingle around the clock

Mix and a-mingle in the jingling feet
That's the jingle bell,
That's the jingle bell,
That's the jingle bell rock.

# The Holy City

Last night I lay a-sleeping There came a dream so fair,
I stood in old Jerusalem Beside the temple there.
I heard the children singing, And ever as they sang
Me thought the voice of angels
From heaven in answer rang,
Me thought the voice of angels
From heaven in answer rang.

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing, Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King!

And then me thought my dream was changed,

The streets no longer rang.

Hushed were the glad Hosannas

The little children sang.

The sun grew dark with mystery,

The morn was cold and chill,

As the shadow of a cross arose Upon a lonely hill,

As the shadow of a cross arose Upon a lonely hill.

Jerusalem! Hark how the Angels Sing Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King!

And once again the scene was changed,
New earth there seemed to be.
I saw the Holy City Beside the tideless sea.
The light of God was on its streets,
The gates were open wide,
And all who would might enter,
And no one was denied.
No need of moon or stars by night,
Or sun to shine by day;
It was the new Jerusalem That would not pass away,
It was the new Jerusalem That would not pass away.

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing for the night is o'er! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna for evermore!

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna for evermore!