

CAROLS

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Joy To The World

Written: 1719
Author: Isaac Watts
Theme: Celebration of Jesus as King

Verse 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let Earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

Verse 2

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

Verse 3

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, wonders, of His love

Silent Night

Written: 1816
Author: Joseph Mohr
Theme: A song of the hope and peace at the arrival of Jesus

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 Saviour is born
Christ the Saviour is born

Verse 3

Silent night, holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face

With dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Written: Unknown
Author: Unknown
Theme: The nativity story and its personal meaning for believers

Verse 1

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Verse 2

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

Verse 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 Son of God to find
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Verse 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 down
Unto the Lord did pray
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy



Verse 5

Now to the Lord sing praises
All you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth efface
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

We Three Kings

Written: 1857
Author: John Henry Hopkins Jr
Theme: The arrival of the Magi and the meaning of their gifts

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 light
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

Verse 3

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising, voices raising
Worshiping God on high

Verse 4

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

Verse 5

Glorious now behold him arise
King and God and sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia
Sounds through the earth and skies

O Holy Night

Written: 1847
Author: Placide Cappeau de Roquemaure
Theme: An imagining of the night of Jesus' birth and his impact on the waiting world

Minuit, chrétiens,
C'est l'heure solennelle
Ou l'Homme Dieu descendit jusqu'à nous

Pour effacer la tache originelle
Et de Son Père arrêter le courroux.
Le monde entier tressaille d'espérance
En cette nuit qui lui donne un Sauveur.
Peuple à genoux, attends ta délivrance!
Noël! Noël! Voici le Rédempteur!
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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 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, Oh hear the angel voices
O night divine! O night when Christ was born
O night divine, O night, O night divine

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Written: 1739 (sort of)
Author: Charles Wesley (sort of)
Theme: The arrival of Jesus, his Lordship and plan of Salvation

Verse 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"
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the new-born king"

Verse 2

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time, behold him come
Offspring of the virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the new-born king"

Verse 3

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun 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
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the new-born king!"