



# Doorstep Carols

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# 1

## O Come all ye Faithful

*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,  
(3x) - Christ the Lord!*

*God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God: begotten, not created:  
O come, let us adore Him,  
(3x) - Christ the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in  
exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!  
Glory to God, glory in the highest:  
O come, let us adore Him,  
(3x) - Christ the Lord!*

# 2

## 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 Saviour holy.  
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 wait around.



# 3

## 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 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.

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.

# 4

## The First Nowell

*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.*

*They look-ed 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:  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell: born is the King of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord sing prai-ses to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with his blood mankind hath bought:  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell: born is the King of Israel.*



# 5

## While Shepherds Watched

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

“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind;  
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you  
and all mankind.”

“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:”

“The heav’nly Babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
and in a manger laid.”

Thus spake the Seraph, and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, who thus ad-  
dressed their joyful song:

“All glory be to God on high and to the  
earth be peace.  
Goodwill henceforth from heav’n to  
men begin and never cease.”

# 6

## In the Bleak Midwinter

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.

Angels and Archangels may have  
gathered there,  
Cherubim and Seraphim thronged the  
air;  
But only His Mother, in her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

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.





## Ding Dong Merrily on High

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! Gloria,  
Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple  
bells be swungen,  
And "I-o, i-o, i-o!" by priest and people  
sungen.  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria,  
Hosanna in excelsis!

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



## 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, gath'ring win-  
ter fuel.

"Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,  
bring me pine logs hither: thou and I  
shall 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.

"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."

In his master's steps he trod, where the  
snow lay dinted; heat was in the very  
sod which the Saint had printed. There-  
fore, Christian men, be sure, wealth or  
rank possessing, ye who now will bless  
the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.

# 9

## Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for His 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.

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.

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 fit us for Heaven, to live with Thee  
there.



# 10

## God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen

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.

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.

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 deface.

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

# 11

## Silent Night

# 12

## On the first day of Christmas

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!

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!

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!

On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me  
A partridge in a pear tree:

On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me  
two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the .....etc...

three French hens,  
four calling birds,  
five gold rings!  
six geese a-laying,  
seven swans a-swimming,  
eight maids a-milking,  
nine ladies dancing,  
ten lords a-leaping,  
eleven pipers piping,  
twelve drummers drumming,



# 13

## 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 th' angelic host proclaim: "Christ  
is born in Bethlehem!"  
"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  
th' incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
"Hark!" the herald-angels sing, "Glory  
to the new-born King!"

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n 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!"

# 14

## Jingle Bells

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the  
way.  
Oh! what fun it is to ride in a one-horse  
open sleigh!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the  
way.  
Oh! what fun it is to ride in a one-horse  
open sleigh!

Dashing through the snow on a one-  
horse open sleigh,  
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the  
way!  
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits  
bright:  
What fun it is to ride and sing our  
sleighting song tonight! – oh!

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the  
way.  
Oh! what fun it is to ride in a one-horse  
open sleigh!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the  
way.  
Oh! what fun it is to ride in a one-horse  
open sleigh!



# 15

We wish you a  
merry Christmas

*We wish you a merry Christmas (x3)  
and a happy New Year!*

*Good tidings we bring to you and your  
kin:  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!*

*Now bring us some figgy pudding (x3),  
and bring some out here!*

*Good tidings we bring to you and your  
kin:  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!*

*And we won't go until we've got some  
(x3), so bring some out here!*

*Good tidings we bring to you and your  
kin:  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!*

