

SING IN CHRISTMAS

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Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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"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"
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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
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Come thou long expected Jesus

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.
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The Angels Carol - John Rutter

Have you heard the sounds of the angel voices
 Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?
 Have you seen the star shining out so brightly
 As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?
 Have you heard the news that they bring from Heaven
 To the humble shepherds who have waited long?
 Gloria in excelsis, Deo
 Gloria in excelsis, Deo
 Hear the angels sing their joyful song

He is come in peace in the winter's stillness
 Like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night
 He is come in joy like the sun at morning
 Filling all the world with radiance and with light
 He is come in love as the child of Mary
 In a simple stable, we have seen his birth
 Gloria in excelsis, Deo
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 Hear the angels singing Peace on Earth

He will bring new light
 (He will bring new light) to a world in darkness
 Like a bright star shining in the skies above
 He will bring new hope
 (He will bring new hope) to the waiting nations
 When he comes to reign in purity and love
 Let the Earth rejoice
 (Let the Earth rejoice) at the Saviour's coming
 Let the Heavens answer
 (Let the Heavens answer) with the joyful mourn
 Gloria in excelsis, Deo
 Gloria in excelsis, Deo
 Hear the angels singing, Christ is born
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God rest you merry gentlemen

God rest ye 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
 Oh tidings of comfort and joy
 Comfort and joy
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In Bethlehem, in Israel
 This blessed Babe was born
 And laid within a manger
 Upon this blessed morn
 The which His Mother Mary
 Did nothing take in scorn
 Oh tidings of comfort and joy
 Comfort and joy
 Oh tidings of comfort and joy

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
 Oh tidings of comfort and joy
 Comfort and joy
 Oh tidings of comfort and joy
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A little child there is yborn – Archer

A little child there is ybore,
Eia, Eia, susanni, susanni, susanni,
Ysprungen out of Jesse's more,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
To save us all that were forlore.

Jesus that is so full of might
Eia, Eia, susanni, susanni, susanni,
Ybore he was about midnight;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
The angels sung with all their might.

Jesus is that child's name,
Eia, Eia, susanni, susanni, susanni,
A maid and mother is his dame,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
And so our sorrow is turned to game.

It fell upon the high midnight,
Eia, Eia, susanni, susanni, susanni,
The stars they shone both fair and bright,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
The angels sang with all their might.

Three kings there came with their presents
Eia, Eia, susanni, susanni, susanni,
Of myrrh and gold and frankincense,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
As clerkes sing in their sequence.

Now sit we down upon our knee,

Eia, Eia, susanni, susanni, susanni,
 And pray that child that is so free:
 Alleluia, Alleluia,
 And with good heart~ now sing we.

Away in a manger – Bullard

Away in a manger
 No crib for a bed
 The little Lord Jesus
 Lay down His sweet head
 The stars in the sky
 Look down where He lay
 The little Lord Jesus
 Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
 The poor baby wakes
 But little Lord Jesus
 No crying He makes
 I love Thee, Lord Jesus
 Look down from the sky
 And stay by my side
 'Til 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 take us to heaven
 To live with Thee there
 Take us to heaven
 To live with Thee there

There is a rose tree – Bullard

There is a rose tree blooming
 In winter's frost and cold
 Its flowers come from Jesse
 a sign of peace from old

It is the rose – of love
 No cruel wind can wither
 No tempest can remove

It was Isiah who told us
 This rose of which we sing
 Brings us the Virgin Mary
 The Mother of our King

It is the rose – of love
 No cruel wind can wither
 No tempest can remove

Lo, any life that shivers
 May shelter 'neath that tree
 Each tender petal quivers
 With glowing mystery

Amid the sweetness curled
 A golden heart is hidden
 The future of the world

Candelight Carol - John Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water?
 How do you count all the stars in the sky?
 How can you measure the love of a mother?
 Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow
 Shine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawn
 Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
 Angels are singing "The Christ child is born"

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him
 Seraphim 'round him, their vigil will keep
 Nations proclaim him their Lord and their saviour
 But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow
 Shine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawn
 Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
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Find him in Bethlehem laid in a manger
 Christ our redeemer, asleep in the hay
 Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation
 A child with his mother that first Christmas Day

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 Shine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawn
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In the bleak midwinter - Gustav Holst

In the bleak midwinter
 Frosty wind made moan
 Earth stood hard as iron
 Water like a stone
 Snow had fallen
 Snow on snow on snow
 In the bleak midwinter
 Long, long ago

Angels and Arc Angels
 May have traveled there
 Cherubim and Seraphim
 Thronged the air
 But only his Mother
 In her maiden bliss
 Worshiped the beloved
 With a kiss

What can I give him?
 Poor as I am
 If I were a shepherd
 I would give a lamb
 If I were a wise man
 I would do my part
 But what I can I give him
 Give him my heart
 Give him my heart

Lo He comes with clouds descending - Bullard

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
 Once for favoured sinners slain;
 Thousand thousand saints attending
 Swell the triumph of his train:
 Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!
 God appears, on earth to reign.
 Every eye shall now behold him
 Robed in dreadful majesty;
 Those who set at nought and sold him,
 Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 Deeply wailing
 Deeply wailing
 Deeply wailing
 Shall the true Messiah see.

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
 High on thine eternal throne;
 Saviour, take the power and glory:
 Claim the kingdom for thine own:
 O come quickly!
 O come quickly!
 O come quickly!
 Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

Personent Hodie - Anon

On this day earth shall ring
 with the song children sing
 to the Lord, Christ our King,
 born on earth to save us;
 him the Father gave us.

Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,
 Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!

His the doom, ours the mirth;
 when he came down to earth,
 Bethlehem saw his birth;
 ox and ass beside him
 from the cold would hide him.

Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,
 Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!

God's bright star, o'er his head,
 Wise Men three to him led;
 kneel they low by his bed,
 lay their gifts before him,
 praise him and adore him.

Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,

Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!

Silent Night - Chilcott

Silent night, holy night
 All is calm, and all is bright
 Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
 Holy infant so tender and mild
 Sleep in heavenly peace
 Sleep in heavenly peace

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It came upon the midnight clear – Scott

It came upon the midnight clear
 That glorious song of old
 From angels bending near the earth
 To touch their harps of gold

Still through the cloven skies they come
 With peaceful wings unfurled
 And still the heavenly music floats
 O'er all the weary world

Peace on the earth, good will to men
 From Heaven's all gracious King
 The world in solemn stillness lay
 To hear the angels sing

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
 The world has suffered long
 Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
 Two thousand years of wrong

When peace shall over all the earth
 Its ancient splendors fling
 And the whole wide world give back the song
 Which now the angels sing

The Bell Carol – Ledger

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
 Their old familiar carols play
 And mild and sweet the words repeat
 Of peace on earth this Christmas Tide

Til ringing, singing, on its way
 The world revolved from night to day
 A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
 Of peace on earth this Christmas Tide

And in despair I bowed my head
 There is no peace on earth I said
 For haste is strong and mocks the song
 Of peace on earth this Christmas Tide

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
 God is not dead, nor does he sleep
 The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
 With peace on earth this Christmas Tide

O Come all ye faithful – Ledger

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;

CHORUS

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

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
 lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
 Son of the Father, begotten not created;

CHORUS

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

CHORUS

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
 leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

CHORUS

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
 we would embrace thee with love and awe.
 Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

CHORUS

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
 Jesus, to thee be all glory given.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

CHORUS

O Holy Night - Adolphe Adam

Oh 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 it's worth

The thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices
 For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn
 Fall on your knees Oh, hear the angel voices
 Oh, night divine Oh, night when Christ was born
 Oh, night divine Oh night, oh night divine

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming
 With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
 Over by night a star is sweetly gleaming
 It came the wisemen from out of the Orient land
 The King of kings lay thus lowly manger
 In all our trials born to be our friends
 Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices
 Oh, night divine Oh, night when Christ was born
 Oh, night divine Oh night, oh night divine
 Oh night divine Oh night
 Oh night divine

Joy to the world – Wilberg

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.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;

Let men their songs employ;
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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,
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as, far as, the curse is found.

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.

Love shone down - Piercey/de Whalley

I had a dream that I was standing on a hill side on a Christmas night so very long
 ago when up in the air beautiful voices sing a new song let every one know

oh and love shone down over the hills and over the valleys
 oh and love shone down over the world

When he spoke to me I knew it was an angel he said I think there's something
 that you auto know then he just smiled said don't be afraid now sing a new song
 let everyone know

oh and love shone down over the hills and over the valleys
 oh and love shone down over the world

And then he told me all about the baby Jesus where to find him where exactly
where I should go then he was join by millions of others sing a new song let
every one know

oh and love shone down over the hills and over the valleys
oh and love shone down over the world

Was that a dream or was I really on that hillside on that christmas night so very
long ago when he was born Jesus our savour sing a new song let everyone know

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oh and love shone down over the world
Over the world