CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND SONGS FOR SINGING

CHRISTMAS SONG LYRICS

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Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. Refrain.

24. WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS (G/D)

We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas, 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.
O, bring us some figgy pudding, O, bring us some figgy pudding,
O, bring us some figgy pudding, and bring it right here.
We won't go until we get some, We won't go until we get some,
We won't go until we get some, So bring it right here.
We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas, And a happy New Year.

25. WHAT CHILD IS THIS? (Em/E)

1. 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?
Refrain: This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. Refrain.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. Refrain.

for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

3. In the light of that star lie the ages impearled;
And that song from afar has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing
In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

4. We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song
That comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,
and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

23. <u>WE THREE KINGS</u> (Em/B)

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. <u>Refrain</u>.

<u>Refrain</u>: O, star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. <u>Refrain</u>.

3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. <u>Refrain</u>.

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
<u>Refrain</u>.

5. Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:

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1. <u>ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY</u> (Bb/F)

1. Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

2. <u>ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH</u> (F/A)

1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the new born King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

21. <u>SILENT NIGHT</u> (Bb/F)

1. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht
nur das traute hoch heilige Paar, Holder Knabe mit lockigem Haar,
schlaf im himmlischer Ruh, schlaf im himmlischer Ruh.

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 quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior 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.

4. Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

22. <u>THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR</u> (G/D)

1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

2. There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,

3. 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. Refrain.

20. O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM (F/A)

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. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

3. 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.

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!

4. See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

3. AULD LANG SYNE (F/C)

Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought
and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance
be forgot, and days of auld lang syne? For auld lang
syne, my dear, for auld lang syne, We'll take a cup o'
kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

4. AWAY IN A MANGER (F/C)

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the 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 cradle till morning is nigh.

3. 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.

5. DECK THE HALLS (D/A)

1. Deck the hall with boughs of holly, Fa la la…..
'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la…..
Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la…..
Troll the ancient yuletide carol, Fa la la…..

2. See the blazing yule before us, Fa la la…..
Strike the harp and join the chorus, Fa la la…..
Sing we joyous all together, Fa la la…..
Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa la la…..

3. Fast away the old year passes, Fa la la…..
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa la la…..
Follow we in merry measure, Fa la la…..
While I tell of Yuletide treasure, Fa la la…..

6. (THE) FIRST NOEL (D/F#)

1. The first Noel 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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

2. 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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.
Refrain.

3. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain.

4. O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife.
Refrain.

19. O HOLY NIGHT (C/E)

1. O holy night! the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior'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! Refrain.

Refrain: Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.
O night divine! O night, O night divine!

2. 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 out the Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend . Refrain.

17. O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (G/G)

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; Refrain.

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

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

3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. Refrain.

4. Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes; venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte Regem angelorum.
Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, venite adoremus, Dominum.

18. O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (Em/E)

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

5. Then entered in those Wise Men three,
full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

7. GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN (G/B)

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and
everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain, that
Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Refrain.

2. The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. Refrain.

3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain.

8. <u>GOD REST YE MERRY, GENTLEMEN</u> (Dm/D)

1. God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray. <u>Refrain</u>.

<u>Refrain</u>: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

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. <u>Refrain</u>.

3. "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 power and might."
<u>Refrain</u>.

4. 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 anger should efface. <u>Refrain</u>.

9. <u>GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE</u> (F/F)

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today, Christ is born today.

15. <u>JINGLE BELLS</u> (G/D)

1. Dashing through the snow in 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 a sleighing song tonight. <u>Refrain</u>.

<u>Refrain</u>: O, jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way;
O what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.
Jingle bells, jingle, jingle all the way;
O what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.

16. <u>JOY TO THE WORLD</u> (D/D)

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…..

2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding
joy…..

3. 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…..

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love…..

14. <u>IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR</u> (Bb/F)

1. It came upon the 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 heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

2. 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.

3. And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

4. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

2. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and ye are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this.

3. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: News, news!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain an everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

10. <u>HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING</u> (F/C)

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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 newborn King!"

2. 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 with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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 we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

11. HE IS BORN, THE DIVINE CHRIST CHILD (F/C)

Refrain: He is born, the divine Christ Child,
play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the divine Christ Child,
sing we all of the Savior mild.

1. Thru long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming;
thru long ages of the past, now the time has come at last! Refrain.

2. O how lovely, O how pure is this perfect child of heaven;
O how lovely, O how pure, gracious gift to humankind! Refrain.

3. Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us thy heavenly peace. Refrain.

12. INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY (G/D)

1. Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you

13. IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER (F/A)

1. 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 time ago.

2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

3. Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

4. 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 him my heart.