

CAROLS AFLOAT

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1. ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY (Parts)

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;
 Where like stars his children crowned
 All in white shall wait around.

2. AWAY IN A MANGER (Parts)

Away in a manger, no crib for a 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,
 The 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 they tender care,
 And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

3. ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY (Unison)

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
 Christ the new born King
 Come and worship
 Christ the new born King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
 Watching o'er your flock by night,
 God with man is now residing;
 Yonder shines the infant light.
 Come and worship
 Christ the new born King
 Come and worship
 Christ the new born King.

4. GOOD KING WENCESLAS (Unison)

1
 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.

3
 "Bring me flesh and bring me wine
 Bring me pine logs hither
 Thou and I will see him dine
 When we bear him thither."
 Page and monarch forth they went
 Forth they went together
 Through the rude wind's wild lament
 And the bitter weather

2
 'Hither Page, and stand by me,
 If thou know'st it telling,
 Yonder peasant, who is he?
 Where and what his dwelling?
 Sire, he lives a good league hence,
 Underneath the mountain,
 Right against the forest fence,
 By Saint Agnes' Fountain.

4
 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
 Ye who now will bless the poor
 Shall yourselves find blessing

5A. STILLE NACHT (Parts) (German)

Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!
Alles schlaft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schiap in himmlischer Ruh,
Schiap im himmlischer Ruh.

Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!
Hirten erst kund gemacht,
Durch der Engel Halleluja
T8nt es laut von fern und nah:
Christ, der Retter, is da,
Christ, der Retter, is da!

5B. SILENT NIGHT (Parts) (English)

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.
Glory streams from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Halleluja!
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 they birth.

6. AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD (Parts)

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding light behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek they mercy-seat.

7. THE HOLLY AN THE IVY (Unison)

Verse 1 (All) The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that in the wood,
The holly bears the crown.

Chorus (All)

*The rising of the sun,
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir*

Verse 2 (Solo 1) The holly bears a blossom,
As white as the lily flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To be our sweet Saviour:
Chorus (All)

Verse 3 (Solo 2) The holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To do poor sinners good.
Chorus (All)

Verse 1 (All) The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown:
Chorus (All)

8. WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED (Unison)

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
The saviour who is Christ the lord;
And this shall be the sign.

All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.

9. WE THREE KINGS (Unison)

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain,
Moor and mountain,
Following yonder star

Chorus

*O start of wonder, start of night
Star of royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us through thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem Plain
Gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign

Chorus

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense of a deity nigh,
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God most high.

Chorus

Myrrh is mine, it's bitter perfume,
Breathes a life of gathering gloom,
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in a stone-cold tomb.

Chorus

10. JINGLE BELLS (Unison)

Dashing through the snow, in a one horse open sleigh,
And 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.

CHORUS:

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

(Repeat verse and chorus)

11. UNTO US A BOY IS BORN

Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation.
Came he to a world forlorn.
The Lord of every nation.

Herod then with fear was filled:
A Prince he said in Jewry!
All the little boys he killed
At Bethl'em in fury.

Now may Mary's son, who came
So long ago to save us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us.

12. THE THREE DROVERS (Unison)

Across the plains one Christmas night, three drovers riding blythe and gay,
 Looked up and saw a starry light, more radiant than the Milky Way,
 And on their hearts such wonder fell, they sang with joy,
 Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.

The air was dry with summer heat, and smoke was on the yellow moon,
 But from the Heavens, faint and sweet, came floating down a wondrous tune,
 And as they heard they sang full well, those drovers three,
 Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel.

13. THE SILVER STARS ARE IN THE SKY (Unison)

The silver stars are in the sky,
 The red gold moon is riding high.
 O sleep my little one sleep!
 Once long ago against her breast
 A mother hush'd her babe to rest,
 Who was the Prince of heav'n above,
 the Lord of gentleness and love
 O sleep my little one sleep

The boobook calls across the night,
 The brown moths flutter in the light.
 O sleep my little one sleep!
 In Bethlehem long, long ago
 When roads and paddocks gleam'd
 with snow;
 On this same night, that mother mild
 lull'd into dreams her royal child
 So sleep, my little one sleep.

14. CHRISTMAS DAY (Unison)

The North-wind is tossing the leaves
The red dust is over the town;
The sparrows are under the eaves,
And the grass in the paddock is brown
As we lift up our voices and sing
To the Christ child the heavenly king.

The tree ferns in green gullies sway;
The cool stream flows silently by;
The joy-bells are greeting the day
And the chimes are adrift in the sky,
As we lift up our voices and sing
To the Christ Child the heavenly king.

15. MERRY CHRISTMAS (Unison)

Sun gleams bright, hearts are light,
Merry, merry Christmas.
Bells ring out, children shout,
Merry, merry, merry Christmas.
Sheep in fold, shine like gold,
As the day is dawning,
Riding by, stockmen cry,
Welcome Christmas morning.

So with joy, man and boy,
Sing with us together;
On this morn, Christ was born,
Merry, merry, merry Christmas.
Raise the song, loud and strong,
In the shining weather,
Joy bells ring, Christ is King,
Merry, merry, merry Christmas.

16. CAROL OF THE BIRDS (Two part)

Out on the plains the Brolgas are dancing
Lifting their feet like war horses prancing;
Up to the sun the woodlarks go winging
Faint in the dawn light echoes their singing
Orana! Orana! Orana to Christmas day.

Down where the fern tress grow by the river,
There where the waters sparkle and quiver,
Deep in the gullies Bell-birds are chiming,
Softly and sweetly their lyric notes rhyming
Orana! Orana! Orana to Christmas day.



17. O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM (Parts)

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above the 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.

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.

18. THE FIRST NOWELL (Unison)

The first Nowell, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields as they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

They looked 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.

Chorus

19. HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING (Parts)

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 angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem:
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn 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 man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel:
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heaven born 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 may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth:
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

20. THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY (Unison)

Come they told me, Pa rum pum pum pum
 A new born King to see,
 Our finest gifts we bring,
 To lay before the King,
 So to honour Him,
 When we come.

(soft) Little Baby,
 (soft) I am a poor boy too,
 (louder) I have no gift to bring,
 (louder) That's fit to give a King,
 (softer) Shall I play for You,
 (softer) On my drum?

Mary nodded,
 The ox and lamb kept time,

(Loud) I played my drum for Him,
 (Loud) I played my best for Him,
 (Soft) Then He smiled at me,
 (Soft) Me and my drum.

21. RUDOLF THE RED-NOSED REINDEER (Unison)

Rudolf, the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose.
 And if you ever saw him, you would even say it glows.
 All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names.
 They never let poor Rudolf play in any reindeer games.
 Then one foggy Christmas eve Santa came to say:
 "Rudolf with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"
 Then all the reindeer loved him as they shouted out with glee:
 "Rudolf the red-nosed reindeer, you'll go down in history!"

22. O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL (Parts)

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.

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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing; *Chorus*

23. WE WISH YOU MERRY CHRISTMAS (Parts)

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;
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer

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 some out here

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;