

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 cying 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)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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 thy birth.

A. STILLE NACHT (Parts)

(German)

Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!
 Alles schläft, einsam wacht
 Nur das traute, hoch heilige Paar.
 Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
 Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
 Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

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

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
 Lieb aus deinem göttlichen Mund,
 Da und schlägt die rettender Stund,
 Christ, in deiner Geburt,
 Christ, in deiner Geburt!

6. 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)

7. 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.

8. 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

9. JINGLE BELLS (Unison)

Verse

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)

10. 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.

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

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.

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

12. MERRY CHRISTMAS (Unison)

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.

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.

13. 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.

14. O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM (Parts)

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.

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.

15. 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

16. 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.*

17. THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY (Unison)

Come they told me,
A new born King to see,
Our finest gifts we bring,
To lay before the King,

Pa rum pum pum pum

So to honour Him,
When we come.

Little Baby,
I am a poor boy too,
I have no gift to bring,
That's fit to give a King,

Shall I play for You,
On my drum?

Mary nodded,
The ox and lamb kept time,
I played my drum for Him,
I played my best for Him,

Then He smiled at me,
Me and my drum.

18. 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!”

19. O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL (Parts)

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*

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*

Chorus

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

20. 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;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.