

CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2009

1) Once in Royal David's city.

1. Once in royal David's city SOLO
 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.

2. He came down to earth from Heaven (ALL)
 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.

3. And our eyes at last shall see Him,
 Through His own redeeming love,
 For that Child so dear and gentle
 Is our Lord in Heav'n above;
 And He leads His children on
 To the place where He is gone.

4. Not in that poor lowly stable,
 with the oxen standing round,
 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.

2) Hark the herald angels sing

1. Hark, the herald-angels sing ALL
 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 the angelic host proclaim,
 'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'
*Hark, the herald-angels sing
 glory to the new-born King.*

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, CHOIR
 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 new-born King.*

3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace: ALL
 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.
*Hark, the herald-angels sing
 glory to the new-born King.*

3) Three Ships

I saw three ships come sailing in on
 Christmas day on Christmas day
 I saw three ships come sailing in on
 Christmas day in the morning

4) O little town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, SOLO
 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; ALL
 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 men on earth.

3. How silently, how silently, CHILDREN
 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, ALL
 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!

5) The First Nowell

1 The first nowell the angel did say,
was to Bethlehem's 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!

2 Then wise men from a country far
looked up and saw a guiding star;
they travelled on by night and day
to reach the place where Jesus lay:
Nowell, nowell . . .

3 At Bethlehem they entered in,
on bended knee they worshipped him;
they offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense:
Nowell, nowell . . .

4 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
for Christ has our salvation wrought
and with his blood our life has bought:
Nowell, nowell . . .

6 Annullata

7) Good King Wenceslas

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 you know
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 food and bring me wine, bring me
pine logs hither,
You and I will see him dine, when we bear them
thither."

Page and monarch, forth they went, forth they
went together,
Through the cold wind's wild lament and the
bitter weather.

4. "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, my good page, tread now
in them boldly,
You shall find the winter's rage freeze your
blood less coldly."

5. 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,
You who now will bless the poor shall
yourselves find blessing.

8) Josph dearest

1) Joseph dearest Josph mine help me cradle
the child divine
God reward thee and all that's thine in Paradise
so prays the Mother Mary
He came among us at Christmas tide
at Christmas tide in Bethlehem
Men shall bring Him from far and wide love's
diadem
Jesus Jesus Lo He comes and loves and saves
and frees us

2) Gladly dear one lady .mine help I cradle this
child of thine
God's own light on us both shall shine in
Paradise
so prays the Mother Mary
He came among.....

9) Away in a manger,

1. 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.

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 side until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, 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) 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,

2. "Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind.
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind

3. "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.

4. "The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid,
And in a manger laid."

5. Thus spake the seraph and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God on high,
Who thus addressed their song,

6. "All glory be to God on high,
And to the Earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from Heaven to men
Begin and never cease,

11) Christians, awake

1. Christians, awake, salute the happy morn
Whereon the Savior of the world was born.
Rise to adore the mystery of love
Which hosts of angels chanted from above,
With them the joyful tidings first begun
Of God incarnate and the virgin's Son.

2. Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
Who heard th'angelic herald's voice, "Behold,
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth
To you and all the nations of the earth;
This day hath God fulfilled His promised Word;
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord."

3. He spoke; and straightaway the celestial choir
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;
The praises of redeeming love they sang,
And Heav'n's whole orb with alleluias rang.
God's highest glory was their anthem still,
Peace on the earth and unto men good will.

12) Coventry Carol

Lully lulla thou little tiny child By by lully lullay
By by lully lullay By by lully lullay

1) O sisters too how may we do for to preserve
this day
this poor youngling for whom we do sing By by
lully lu lay

2) He rod the king in his raging charged he hath
this day
his men of might in his own sight all young
children to slay

3) That woe is me poor child for thee and ever
morn and day
for thy parting neither say nor sing by by lully
lullay

Lully lulla thou little tiny child By by lully lullay

13) Silent night

1. Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!
Hirten erst kundgemacht
Durch der Engel Halleluja.
Tönt es laut von Ferne und Nah:
Christ, der Retter ist da! Christ, der Retter ist da!

2. Astro del ciel, Pargol divin,
Mite Agnello Redentor!
Tu che i Vati da lungi sognar,
Tu che angeliche voci nunziar,
Luce dona alle genti
Pace infondi nei cuor!
Luce dona alle genti,
Pace infondi nei cuor!

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.

14) Westminster Carol

1) Angels we have heard on high sweet ly
singing o'er the plains

and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains
Gloria in excelsis Deo

16) Deck the Hall

2) Shepherds why this Jubilee why your joyous strains prolong
What the glad some tidings be what inspire your heavenly song
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

15) O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles,
Laeti triumphantes;
Venite, venite in Bethlehem;
Natum videte, Regem Angelorum:
*Refrain: Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus Dominum!*

En grege rekicto huliles ad cunas
Vocati pastores adproperant
Et nos ovantes gradu festinemus
*Refrain: Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus Dominum*

3. God from God, Light from Light eternal,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created;
*Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him*
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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

4. Cantet nunc hymnos
Chorus angelorum,
Cantet nunc aula caelestium:
Gloria, gloria,
In excelsis Deo!
*Refrain: Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus Dominum!*