

ST MARY'S LOUGHTON

CAROLS ON THE HIGH ROAD



Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is
the Messiah, the Lord.

1. ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
You who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

Chorus
Come and worship
Christ the newborn King
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with us is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light

Sages leave your contemplations
Brighter visions shine afar
Seek in Him the hope of nations
You have seen His rising star

Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending
In His temple shall appear

Though an infant now we view Him
He will share His Father's throne
Gather all the nations to Him
Every knee shall then bow down

Henry Thomas Smart | James Montgomery
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2. AWAY IN A MANGER

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

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes
I love you Lord Jesus look down from the
sky
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in your tender
care
And fit us for heaven to live with you there

James Ramsey Murray | John Thomas McFarland | Martin Luther
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3. GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN

God rest you merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray

Chorus
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly Father
The blessed angels came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought glad tidings of the same
That there was born in Bethlehem
The Son of God by name

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 others does deface

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4. HARK THE HERALD ANGELS

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 the 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

Charles Wesley | Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

5. IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

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 ago

Our God heaven cannot hold Him
Nor the 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

Angels and archangels
May have gathered there
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air
But His mother only
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss

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 my heart

Christina Georgina Rossetti | Gustav Theodore Holst
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6. IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

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 good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

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

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong
And man at war with man hears not
The love song which they bring
O hush the noise ye men of strife
And hear the angels sing

Edmund Hamilton Sears | Richard Storrs Willis
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7. JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world the Lord has come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven 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

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 and wonders of His love

George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts
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8. O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

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

God of God
Light of light
Lo He abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God
Begotten not created

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

Yea Lord we greet You
Born for our salvation
Jesus to you be glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

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9. O COME O COME EMMANUEL

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come O come thou Dayspring bright
Pour on our souls thy healing light
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom
And pierce the shadows of the tomb
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Lord of David's key
The royal door fling wide and free
Safeguard for us the heavenward road
And bar the way to death's abode
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come O come Adonai
Who in thy glorious majesty
From that high mountain clothed with
awe
Gavest thy folk the elder law
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

John Mason Neale | Thomas Helmore
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10. O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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

O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace upon the earth
For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love

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

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

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11. ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

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 meek and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy

For He is our childhood's pattern
Day by day like us He grew
He was little weak and helpless
Tears and smiles like us He knew
And He feels for all our sadness
And He shares in all our gladness

And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above
And He leads His children on
To the place where He has gone

Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander | Henry John Gauntlett
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12. SEE AMID THE WINTERS SNOW

See amid the winter's snow
Born for us on earth below
See the Lamb of God appears
Promised from eternal years

Chorus

Hail thou ever blessed morn
Hail redemption's happy dawn
Sing through all Jerusalem
Christ is born in Bethlehem

Lo within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies
He who throned in height sublime
Sits amid the cherubim

As we watched at dead of night
Lo we saw a wondrous light
Angels singing peace on earth
Told us of the Saviour's birth

Sacred Infant all divine
What a tender love was Thine
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this

Teach O teach us holy Child
By your face so meek and mild
Teach us to resemble Thee
In your sweet humility

Edward Caswall
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13. SEE HIM LYING ON A BED OF STRAW

See Him lying on a bed of straw
A draughty stable with an open door
Mary cradling the babe she bore
The Prince of glory is His name

Chorus

O now carry me to Bethlehem
To see the Lord of love again
Just as poor as was the stable then
The Prince of glory when He came

Star of silver sweep across the skies
Show where Jesus in the manger lies
Shepherds swiftly from your stupor rise
To see the Saviour of the world

Angels sing again the song you sang
Sing the glory of God's gracious plan
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can
Be the Saviour of us all

Mine are riches from Your poverty
From Your innocence eternity
Mine forgiveness by Your death for me
Child of sorrow for my joy

Michael Perry
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14. SILENT NIGHT

Silent night holy night
All is calm all is bright
Round the 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
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Saviour is born
Christ the Saviour is born

Silent night holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at your birth
Jesus Lord at your birth

Franz Xavier Gruber | Joseph Mohr
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15. THE SUSSEX CAROL

On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring
On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring
News of great joy news of great mirth
News of our merciful King's birth

Then why should we on earth be so sad
Since our Redeemer made us glad
Then why should we on earth be so sad
Since our Redeemer made us glad
When from our sin he set us free
All for to gain our liberty

When sin departs before His grace
Then life and health come in its place
When sin departs before His grace
Then life and health come in its place
Angels and all the earth may sing
All for to see the new born King

All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night
All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night
Glory to God we sing again
Now and forevermore amen

Dale Wood
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16. WE THREE KINGS

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

Chorus
O star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever ceasing never
Over us all to reign

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising all men raising
Worship Him God on high

Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing sighing bleeding dying
Sealed in the stone cold tomb

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and sacrifice
Alleluia alleluia
Peals through the earth and skies

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17. WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy new year

Chorus:

Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy new year

Oh bring us some figgy pudding
Oh bring us some figgy pudding
Oh bring us some figgy pudding
And bring it out here



You are warmly invited to all our services

Sunday 17 December

6pm Carols with Candlelight
(followed by mulled wine and mince pies)

Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle Service
5:30pm Christmas Eve Carols
11:15pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Celebration
(bring your favourite present)

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