

Caroling in Groton, MA

(with Lori and Bill)

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Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Old German

1. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice _____ With heart and soul _ and voice; _____
 2. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice _____ With heart and soul _ and voice; _____
 3. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice _____ With heart and soul _ and voice; _____

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Give ye heed to what we say; News! News! Je - sus Christ is
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss; Joy! Joy! Je - sus Christ was
 Now ye need not fear the grave; Peace! Peace! Je - sus Christ was

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born to - day; Ox and ass be - for Him bow, and He is in the
 born for this; He hath ope'd the heav'n - ly door, and man is bless - ed
 born to save; Calls you one and calls you all, to gain His ev - er

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man - ger now. Christ is born to - day! _____ Christ is born to - day!
 ev - er more. Christ was born for this! _____ Christ was born for this!
 last - ing hall. Christ was born to save! _____ Christ was born to save!

O Little Town of Bethlehem

L. H. Redner, 1868

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie. A -
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove, While
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given; So
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us we pray, Cast

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 bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by; Yet
 mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love. O
 God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heaven. No
 out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - - day. We

9
 in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light. The
 morn - ing stars, to - - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth, And
 ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin, Where
 hear the Christ - mas an - gels, The great glad tid - ings tell; O

13
 hopes and fears of all the years Are met in the to - night.
 prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
 meek souls will re - - ceive Him still, The dear Christ en - ters in.
 come to us, a - - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - - el.

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Harmonized by Sir John Stainer

1. God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - - may, Re -
 2. In Beth - le - hem, in Jew - - ry, This bless - ed Babe was born, And
 3. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - - ther, A bless - ed An - gel came, And
 4. Now to the Lord sing prai - - ses, All ye with - in this place, And

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 mem - ber Christ out Sa - - vior Was born on Christ - mas Day, To
 laid with - in a ma - - nger Up - - on this bless - ed morn; The
 un - to cer - tain she - - pherds Brought tid - ings of the same; How
 with true love and broth - er - hood Each oth - er now em - - brace; This

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 save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - - stray.
 which His Moth - er Ma - - ry, Did noth - ing tak in scorn.
 that in Beth - le - - hem was born The son of God by Name.
 Ho - ly tide of Chri - - stmas All oth - er doth de - - face.

12
 O tid - - ings of com - - fort and joy, com - fort and

15
 joy, O tid - - ings of com - - fort and joy.

Silent Night

Franz Gruber

1. Si - - lent night, Ho - - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 2. Si - - lent night, Ho - - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight!
 3. Si - - lent night, Ho - - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light

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'Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and Child Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild,
 Glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia;
 Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

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Sleep in Hea - v'n - ly peace, Sleep in Hea - vn' - ly peace!
 Christ the Sa - viour is born, Christ the Sa - viour is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

The First Noël

Harmonized by Sir John Stainer

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1. The first No - ël the an - gel did say, Was to
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing
 3. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er
 4. Then en - ter'd in there wise men three, Full

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cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay
 in the East, be - yond them far, And to the earth it
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest, And there it did both
 rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, And of - fer'd there in

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keep - ing their sheep On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep. No -
 gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night. No -
 stop and stay Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay. No -
 His pres - ence, Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense. No -

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ël, No - ël, No - ël, No - ël, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

R. S. Willis, 1850

1. It came up - on — the mid - night clear, That glo - ri - ous song — of old — From
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace - ful wings — un - furled; — And
 3. For lo! the days — are hast' - ning on, By pro - phets seen — of old, — When

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an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps — of gold: — Peace
 still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world: — A -
 with the ev - er cir - cling years, Shall come the time — fore - told, — When

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on the earth, — good will to men, From heav'n's — all gra - cious King; — The
 bove its sad — and low - ly plains They bend — on hov' - ring wing, — And
 the new heav'n — and earth shall own The Prince — of Peace — their King, — And

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world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing. —
 ev - er o'er — its Bab - el sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing. —
 the whole world — send back the song Which now the an - gels sing. —

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

F. Mendelssohn

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing — Glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; — Christ, the ev - - er - last - ing Lord;
 3. Mild He lays His glo - ry by, — Born that man no more may die,

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 Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!
 Late in time be - hold Him come, — Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb,
 Born to raise the sons of earth, — Born to give them sec - ond birth.

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 Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise — Join the tri - umph of the skies; —
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; — Hail th'In - car - nate De - i - ty, —
 Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings, — Light and life to all he brings, —

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 With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!
 Praised as Man with man to dwell; Je - sus, — our Em - man - u - el!
 Hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! Hail, the — heav'n - born Prince of Peace!

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 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing Glo - ry — to the new - born King.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Melody from T. Est's Whole Book of Psalms, 159

1. While shep - herds watch'd their flocks by night, All
 2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread Had
 3. To you, in Da - vid's town, this day Is
 4. The heav'n - ly babe you there shall find To
 5. All glo - - ry be to God on high And

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seat - ed on the ground, The an - - gel of the
 siezed their troub - led mind; "Glad tid - ings of great
 born of Da - vid's line, The Sa - viour, who is
 hu - man view dis - - played, All mean - ly wrapped in
 to the earth be peace; God will hence - forth from

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Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - - round.
 joy I bring To you and all man - - kind.
 Christ the Lord; And this shall be the sign.
 swath - ing bands, And in a man - ger laid.
 heav'n to men Be - - gin and nev - er cease."

O Come, All Ye Faithful

(Adeste Fideles)

J. F. Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - umph - ant, O
 2. Sing, choirs of ang - els, Sing in ex - ul - - ta - tion, —
 3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing; —

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come ye, O come — ye to Beth - - le - hem; Come and be -
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n — a - bove: Glo - ry to the
 Je - - sus, to Thee — be all glo - - ry giv'n; Word of the

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hold Him, Born the King of An - gels;
 God — In — the — high - est; O come, let us a - dore Him, O
 Fa - - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

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come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - - dore Him, — Christ — the Lord.

Away in a Manger

Tune – Flow Gently, Sweet Afton

1. A - - way in a man - ger, no crib for a
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing the poor Ba - by
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask Thee to

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bed, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet
 wakes, But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He
 stay Close by me for - - ev - er, and love me, I

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head; The stars in the sky, look - ing down where He
 makes; I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the
 pray; Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der

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lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - - sleep on the hay.
 sky, And stay by my cra - dle Till morn - ing is nigh.
 care, And take us to heav - en, To live with Thee, there.

Joy to the World

G. F. Handel, 1742

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: Let men their
 3. He rules the world! with truth and grace: And makes the

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ceive her King; Let ev - ry heart pre - pare Him
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His right - eous -

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room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains, Re - - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - - peat the sound - ing
 ness, And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

And heav'n And heav'n and na - ture sing And
 Re - - peat Re - - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
 And wonders, And won - ders of His love, And

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sing, And heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - - peat, re - - peat the sound - ing joy.
 love, And won - - ders, won - - ders of His love.

heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing.
 peat the sound - ing joy, Re - - peat the sound - ing joy.
 won - ders of His love, And won - - ders of His love.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

John H. Hopkins

1. We three Kings of O - ri - end are, Bear - in gifts we trav - erse a - far
 2. Born a Babe on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold we bring to crown Him a - gain,
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
 4. Myrrh is mine, its bit - ter pre - fume Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;

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CHORUS

Field and foun - tain, moor an moun - tain, Fol - low - ing you - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, O - ver us all to reigh. O
 Prayer and prais - ing, all men rais - ing, Wor - ship Him, God on high,
 Sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.

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Star of won - der, Star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

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West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to Thy per - fect light.

Deck the Hall

Old Welsh

1. Deck the hall with boughs of hol - ly,
2. See the blaz - ing Yule be - fore us, Fa la la la la la la la.
3. Fast a - way the old year pass - es,

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'Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly,
Strike the harp and join the chor - us, Fa la la la la la la la.
Hail the new ye lads and lass - es,

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Don we now our gay ap - par - el,
Fol - low me in mer - ry meas - ure, Fa la la la la la la.
Sing we joy - ous all to - geth - er,

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Troll the an - cient Yule - tide car - ol,
While I tell of Yule - tide treas - ure, Fa la la la la la la la.
Heed - less of the wind and weath - er,

Where two bass notes are shown (measures 15 and 16), the lower is optional and, if used, is sung only on the last time through. Multiple basses may choose independently (I think). Since the tenors have a C in measure 15, it is also fine if all basses sing the Bb. In measure 16 it's an F either way.

The Wassail Song

Harmonized by Sir John Stainer

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1. Here we come a - - was - sail - ing A - - mong the leaves so
 2. We are not dai - ly beg - - gars That beg from door to
 3. Good Mas - - ter and Mis - - tress As you sit by the
 4. God bless the mas - ter of this house, Like - wise the mis - tress

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green, ——— Here we come a - wan - d'ring, So fair ——— to be seen.
 door, ——— But we are neigh - bors' chil - dren Whom you have seen be - fore.
 fire, ——— Pray think of us poor chil - dren Who wan - der in the mire.
 too; ——— And all the lit - tle chil - dren That round the ta - ble goo.

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CHORUS Love and joy come to you, And to you your was - sail

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too, And God bless you, and send ——— you A hap - - py new

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year, And God send you a hap - py new year.