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## Angels from The Realms of Glory

James Montgomery (1816)

Suggested key C First note E

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:

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]

United Methodist Hymnal, 1989

## As With Gladness...

An Epiphany hymn, written by William Chatterton Dix on 6 January 1859 (Epiphany) while he was ill in bed.

The music was adapted by William Henry Monk in 1861 from a tune written by Conrad Kocher in 1838

Suggested key C First note E

As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star 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  
Thee whom heaven and earth  
adore  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare  
So may we with holy joy  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy  
All our costliest treasures bring  
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly  
King.

Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way  
And, when earthly things are past  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown  
Thou its sun, which goes not  
down.  
There forever may we sing  
Hallelujahs to our King.

## Away In a Manger

Attributed to (1) Martin Luther, (2) Anon, (3) John T McFarland (1892)

**Suggested key D First note E**

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,  
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.

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 Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

## Boars Head Carol

Suggested key C First note G

The Boar's head in hand bear I  
bedecked with bays and Rosemary  
And I pray you masters be merry  
Quot estis in convivio

Caput apri defero reddens laudes Domino

The Boar's head as I understand  
Is the rarest dish in all this land  
Which thus bedecked with a gay garland  
Let us servire cantico

Caput apri defero reddens laudes Domino

Our steward hath provided this  
In honour of the King of Bliss  
Which on this day to be served is  
In reginensi atrio

## Deck the Halls

Suggested key D First note A

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,

Fa la la la la la la la!

'Tis the season to be jolly,

Fa la la la la la la la!

Don we now our gay apparel,

Fa la la la la la la la!

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,

Fa la la la la la la la!

See the blazing yule before us,

Fa la la la la la la la!

Strike the harp and join the chorus,

Fa la la la la la la la!

Follow me in merry measure,

Fa la la la la la la la!

While I tell of Yuletide treasure,

Fa la la la la la la la!

Fast away the old year passes,

Fa la la la la la la la!

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,

Fa la la la la la la la!

Sing we joyous all together!

Fa la la la la la la la!

Heedless of the wind and weather,

Fa la la la la la la

## Diadem

Suggested key ? First note ?

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!

O seed of Israel's chosen race  
now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!

Let every tongue and every tribe  
responsive to his call,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with all the sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

## Ding Dong Merrily on High

Suggested key G First note G

Ding dong merrily on high,  
In heav'n the bells are ringing:  
Ding dong! verily the sky  
Is riv'n with angel singing.  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,  
Let steeple bells be swungen,  
And "i o, i o, i o!"  
By priest and people sungen.  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime.  
Your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rime  
Your evetime song, ye singers.  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!



## Gaudete

Suggested key Am First note A

Gaudete, gaudete Christos est natus  
 Ex Maria virginæ, gaudete.  
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 Ex Maria virginæ, gaudete.

Tempus ad est gratiæ - hoc quod optabamus,  
 Carmina lætitiæ - devote redamus.

Deus homo factus est - naturam erante,  
 Mundus renovatus est - a Christo regnante.

Ezecheelis porta - clausa per transitor  
 Unde lux est orta - salus invenitor.

Ergo nostra contio - psallat jam in lustro,  
 Benedicat domino - salus regi nostro.

Gaudete, gaudete Christos est natus  
 Ex Maria virginæ, gaudete.  
 Gaudete, gaudete Christos est natus  
 Ex Maria virginæ, gaudete.

## God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen

Suggested key Dm First note D

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior  
was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r  
when we were gone astray.

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father  
a blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds  
brought tidings of the same;  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
the Son of God by name. [Refrain]

"Fear not," then said the angel,  
"Let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Savior  
of a pure virgin bright,  
to free all those who trust in Him  
from Satan's pow'r and might."

The shepherds at those tidings  
rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a feeding,  
in tempest, storm, and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem  
straightway,  
this blessed Babe to find.

Now to the Lord sing praises  
all you within this place,  
And with true love and  
brotherhood  
each other new embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
all other doth deface.

## Good Christian Men Rejoice

Suggested key D First note D

Good Christian men rejoice.  
 With heart and soul and voice!  
 Give ye heed to what we say.  
 News! News!  
 Jesus Christ is born today!  
 Ox and ass before Him bow.  
 And He is in the manger now.  
 Christ is born today!  
 Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice.  
 With heart and soul and voice  
 Now ye hear of endless bliss.  
 Joy! Joy!  
 Jesus Christ was born for this.  
 He hath ope'd the heav'nly door  
 And man is blessed evermore.  
 Christ was born for this.  
 Christ was born for this.

Good Christian men, rejoice.  
 With heart and soul and voice  
 Now ye need not fear the grave:  
 Peace! Peace!  
 Jesus Christ was born to save.  
 Calls you one and calls you all.  
 To gain His everlasting hall  
 Christ was born to save.  
 Christ was born to save.

## Good King Wenceslas

Suggested key F First note F

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 -  
Gath'ring winter fuel

"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."

"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

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

## Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Suggested key D First note A

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 the angelic host proclaim  
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
                   Hark! The herald-angels sing  
 "                  Glory to the new-born 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.

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
 Hail the Sun of Righteousness![a]  
 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

## **I Saw Three Ships**

Suggested key F First note C

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.

The Virgin Mary and Christ were there  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,  
The Virgin Mary and Christ were there  
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring,  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,  
And all the bells on earth shall ring,  
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the angels in Heaven shall sing,  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,  
And all the angels in Heaven shall sing,  
On Christmas day in the morning.

## In the Bleak Midwinter

Suggested key C First note E

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 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.

Enough for him whom cherubim  
worship night and day,  
a breastful of milk  
and a mangerful of hay:  
enough for him  
whom angels fall down before,  
the ox and ass and camel  
which adore.

Angels and archangels  
may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim  
thronged the air,  
but only his mother,  
in her maiden bliss,  
worshiped 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.

# It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

**Suggested key F First note F**

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.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road,  
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendours fling,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.



## Jingle Bells

Suggested key ? First note ?

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

Dashing through the snow  
 On a one horse open sleigh  
 O'er the fields we go,  
 Laughing all the way  
 Bells on bob tail ring,  
 making spirits bright  
 What fun it is to laugh and sing  
 A sleighing song tonight  
 Oh, jingle bells .....

A day or two ago,  
 I thought I'd take a ride,  
 And soon Miss Fanny Bright  
 Was seated by my side;  
 The horse was lean and lank  
 Misfortune seemed his lot  
 We got into a drifted bank,  
 And then we got upsot.  
 Oh, jingle bells ..

## **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Suggested key F First note F

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.  
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 heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

See how the shepherds, Summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze.  
We too will thither Bend our joyful footsteps.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

## Oh Little Town of Bethlehem

Suggested key D First note A

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 to men on earth.  
For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.  
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!

## **On Christmas Night all Christians Sing (Sussex carol)**

Suggested key D First note A

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 men on earth be sad.  
Since our Redeemer made us glad.  
Then why should men on earth be 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 men with joy 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 and peace to men  
Now and forevermore. Amen."

## Once in Royal David's City

Suggested key D First note A

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 Savior holy.

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.

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;  
when like stars His children crowned  
all in white shall wait around.

## **See Amid the Winter's snow**

Suggested key F First note F

See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,  
see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

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!

Say, ye holy shepherds, say, what's your joyful news today?  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep?

"As we watched at dead of night, Lo! we saw a wondrous light;  
angels singing 'Peace on earth' told us of the Savior'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 Thy face so meek and mild,  
teach us to resemble Thee, in Thy sweet humility!

## Shepherds Arise

(Trad via the Copper family)

Suggested key F First note F

Shepherds arise, be not afraid, with hasty steps prepare.  
 To David's city, sin on earth,  
 With our blest Infant—with our blest Infant there,  
 With our blest Infant there, with our blest Infant there.  
 Sing, sing, all earth, sing, sing all earth eternal praises sing  
 To our Redeemer, to our Redeemer and our heavenly King.

Laid in a manger viewed a Child, humility Divine,  
 Sweet innocence sounds meek and mild.  
 Grace in his features—grace in his features shine,  
 Grace in his features shine, grace in his features shine.  
 Sing, sing, all earth, sing, sing all earth eternal praises sing  
 To our Redeemer, to our Redeemer and our heavenly King.

For us the Saviour came on earth, for us his life he gave,  
 To save us from eternal death  
 And to raise us from—and to raise us from the grave  
 To raise us from the grave - to raise us from the grave  
 Sing, sing, all earth, sing, sing all earth eternal praises sing  
 To our Redeemer, to our Redeemer and our heavenly King.

## Silent Night

Suggested key G First note D

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.  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior 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!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing  
"Alleluia" to our King:  
"Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born."



## The First Nowell

Suggested key C First note E

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor 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.

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.

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest;  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three,  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought.

## The Holly and the Ivy

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Suggested key D First note D

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

*O the rising of the sun*

*And the running of the deer*

*The playing of the merry organ*

*Sweet singing in the choir*

The holly bears a blossom,  
 As white as the lily flower,  
 And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
 To be our sweet Saviour.

The holly bears a berry  
 As red as any blood  
 And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
 For to do us sinners good

The holly bears a prickle,  
 As sharp as any thorn,  
 And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
 On Christmas Day in the morn.

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.

## The Holly Bears a Berry

*(The Sans Day Carol)*

Suggested key D First note D

Now the holly she bears a berry as white as the milk,  
And Mary she bore Jesus who's wrapt up in silk.

*Chorus (after each verse):*

And Mary she bore Jesus, our Saviour for to be,  
And the first tree that's in the green wood  
It was the holly.

Holly, holly,  
And the first tree that's in the green wood  
It was the holly.

Now the holly she bears a berry as green as the grass,  
And Mary she bore Jesus who died on the cross.

Now the holly she bears a berry as black as the coal,  
And Mary she bore Jesus who died for us all.

Now the holly she bears a berry as blood it is red,  
And we trust in our Saviour who rose from the dead.

## The Seven Joys of Mary

Suggested key ? First note ?

The first good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of one,  
To see the blessed Jesus Christ  
When he was first her son.

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of two,  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
To make the lame to go.

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of three,  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
To make the blind to see.

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of four,  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
To read the bible o'er.

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of five,  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
To bring the dead alive.

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of six,  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
Upon the crucifix.

The last good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of seven,  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
To wear the crown of heaven.

## **Unto Us a Boy is Born (1)**

Percy Dearmer (1928)

**Suggested key C First note C**

Unto us a Boy is born,  
King of all creation:  
Came He to a world forlorn,  
The Lord of every nation.

Cradled in a stall was He  
'Midst the cows and asses;  
But the very beasts could see  
That He all men surpasses.

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

Now may Mary's Son, who came  
Long ago to love us,  
Lead us all with hearts aflame  
To the joys above us.

Omega and Alpha He!  
Let the organ thunder,  
While the choir with peals of glee  
Rends the air asunder.

## Unto Us is Born a Son (2)

G.R Woodward (1902)

Suggested key C First note C

Unto us is born a son,  
King of choirs supernal:  
See on earth his life begun,  
Of lords the Lord eternal.

Christ, from heav'n descending low,  
Comes on earth a stranger;  
Ox and ass their Owner know  
Now cradled in a manger.

This did Herod sore affray,  
And did him bewilder,  
So he gave the word to slay,  
And slew the little childer.

Of his love and mercy mild  
Hear the Christmas story:  
O that Mary's gentle Child  
Might lead us up to glory!

O and A and A and O,  
Cantemus in choro,  
Voice and organ, sing we so,  
Benedicamus Domino.

## Wassail Song

Suggested key ? First note ?

Here we come a wassailing among the leaves so green

Here we come a wandering so fai-r to be seen:

Love and joy come to you

And to you your wassail too

And God bless you and send you a happy New Year

And God send you a happy New Year

Our wassail cup is made of the rosemary tree

And so is your beer of the best barley:

We are not daily beggars that beg from door to door

But we are neighbours' children, whom you have seen before:

Call up the butler of this house put on his golden ring

Let him bring us a glass of beer and better shall we sing:

We have got a little purse of stretching leather skin

We want a little of your money to line it well within:

Bring us out a table and spread it with a cloth

Bring us out a mouldy cheese and and some of your Christmas loaf:

God bless the master of this house, Likewise the mistress too

And all the little children that round the table go

Good master and good mistress as you sit by the fire

Pray think of us poor children, who are wandering in the mire:

## **We Three Kings**

Suggested key Em/G First note B

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

### **Gaspard**

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.

### **Melchior**

Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshiping God on high.

### **Balthazar**

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,  
sounds through the earth and skies.



## We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Suggested key F First note C

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.

For you and your kin,

We wish you a Merry Christmas  
 And a Happy New Year.

Now bring us some figgy pudding,  
 Now bring us some figgy pudding,  
 Now bring us some figgy pudding,  
 And a cup of good cheer.

Good tidings we bring.....

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.

Good tidings we bring.....

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.....

## While Shepherds Watched

Suggested key (Este's Psalter) D First note D

Suggested key (Ilkley Moor) G First note G

Suggested key (Sweet Chiming Bells) C First note C

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," he said, for mighty dread

Had seized their troubled minds

"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

A saviour who is Christ the Lord

and this shall be the sign.

The heavenly babe you there shall find

To human view displayed

All meanly wrapped in Swathing bands

And in a manger laid

Thus spake the Seraph and forthwith

Appeared a shining throng

Of angels praising god who thus

addressed their joyful song

"All glory be to God on high

And to the earth be peace;

Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men

Begin and never cease!"