



# The Big Parish Carol Sing



## 1. 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 mean and lowly  
lived on earth our saviour holy

And through all his wondrous childhood  
he would honour and obey  
Love and watch the lowly maiden  
in whose gentle arms He lay  
Christian children all should be  
mild, obedient, good as he

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 is gone

## 2. 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

Sing, choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
Sing, all ye citizens  
Of heaven above  
Glory to God, all  
Glory in the highest | *Chorus*

God of God  
Light of light  
Lo he abhors not  
He virgin's womb;  
Very God be-  
gotten not created | *Chorus*

## 3. Joy To The World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come  
Let earth receive her king  
Let every heart prepare him room  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and heav'n 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

#### **4. While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks**

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 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  
The 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 and 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!"

#### **5. Silent Night**

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  
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 thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus Lord at thy birth  
Jesus Lord at thy birth

#### **6. 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 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 giv'n  
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 call  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel

#### **7. Calypso Carol**

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 appear to men  
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 | Chorus

Angels, sing again the song you sang  
Bring God's glory to the heart of man  
Sing that Bethlem's little baby can  
Be salvation to the soul | Chorus

Mine are riches from your poverty  
From thine innocence, eternity  
Mine forgiveness by your death for me  
Child of sorrow for my joy | Chorus

**8. Mary's Boy Child**

Mary's boy child Jesus Christ  
Was born on Christmas Day  
And man will live for evermore  
Because of Christmas Day

Long time ago in Bethlehem  
So the Holy Bible say  
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ  
Was born on Christmas Day

Hark, now hear the angels sing  
A new king born today  
And man will live for evermore  
Because of Christmas day

While shepherds watched their flocks by  
night  
They see a bright new shining star  
They hear a choir sing  
The music seemed to come from afar

Now Joseph and his wife Mary  
Came to Bethlehem that night  
They found no place to bear the child  
Not a single room was in sight

Hark now hear the angels sing  
A new king born today  
And man will live for evermore  
Because of Christmas day

Trumpets sound and angels sing  
Listen to what they say  
That man will live for evermore  
Because of Christmas Day

By and by they found a little nook  
In a stable all forlorn  
And in a manger cold and dark  
Mary's little baby was born

Hark now hear the angels sing  
A new king born today  
And man will live for evermore  
Because of Christmas day

Trumpets sound and angels sing  
Listen to what they say  
And man will live for evermore  
Because of Christmas Day

**9. We Three Kings**

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we travel 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 | *Chorus*

Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a deity nigh  
Prayer and praising, all men raising  
Worship him, God most high | *Chorus*

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes of life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb | *Chorus*

Glorious now behold him arise  
King and God and sacrifice  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Earth to heav'n replies | *Chorus*

## 10. Ding Dong Merrily On High

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  
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis

E'en so here below, below  
Let steeple bells be swungen  
And "Io, io, io!"  
By priest and people sungen  
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis  
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  
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## 11. Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out  
On the feast of Stephen  
When the snow lay round about  
Deep and crisp and even  
Brightly shown the moon that night  
Though the frost was cruel  
When a poor man came in sight  
Gathering 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 them thither."  
Page and monarch, forth they went,

Forth they went together;  
Thro' the rude wind's wild lament  
And the bitter weather.

"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, good my page;  
Tread thou in them boldly:  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage  
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

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.

## 12. Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinner 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 heav'n 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 heav'n-born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Son of Righteousness  
Light and life to all he brings  
Ris'n 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

### **13. Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree**

Rockin' around the Christmas tree  
At the Christmas party hop  
Mistletoe hung where you can see  
Every couple tries to stop

Rockin' around the Christmas tree  
Let the Christmas spirit ring  
Later we'll have some pumpkin pie  
And we'll do some carolling

You will get a sentimental feeling when you hear  
Voices singing, let's be jolly  
Deck the halls with boughs of holly

Rockin' around the Christmas tree  
Have a happy holiday  
Everyone dancin' merrily  
In the new old-fashioned way

### **14. Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town**

You better watch out  
You better not cry  
You better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is comin' to town

He's making a list  
He's checking it twice  
He's gonna find out  
Who's naughty or nice  
Santa Claus is comin' to town

He sees you when you're sleeping  
He knows when you're awake  
He knows if you've been bad or good  
So be good for goodness sake

So you better watch out  
You better not cry  
You better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is comin' to town

The kids in girl and boyland  
Will have a jubilee  
They're gonna build a toyland  
All around the Christmas tree, so...

Santa Claus is comin' to town  
Santa Claus is comin' to town  
Santa Claus is comin' to town

### **15. Merry Christmas Everybody**

Are you hanging up a stocking on your wall?  
It's the time that every Santa has a ball  
Does he ride a red-nosed reindeer?  
Does a ton-up on his sleigh?  
Do the fairies keep him sober for a day?

*Chorus:*  
So here it is, Merry Xmas  
Everybody's having fun  
Look to the future now  
It's only just begun

Are you waiting for the family to arrive?  
Are you sure you got the room to spare inside?  
Does your granny always tell ya  
That the old songs are the best?  
Then she's up and rock and rollin' with the rest

*Chorus:*

What will your daddy do  
When he sees your mama kissin' Santa Claus?  
Ah-ha

Are you hanging up a stocking on your wall?  
Are you hoping that the snow will start to fall?  
Do you ride on down the hillside  
In a buggy you have made  
When you land upon your head, then you  
been slayed

*Chorus:*

### **16. 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

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 right here

Good tidings...

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 it right here

Good tidings...

## 17. Merry Christmas Everyone

Snow is fallin'  
All around me  
Children playin'  
Having fun  
It's the season  
Love and understanding  
Merry Christmas everyone

Time for parties  
And celebrations  
People dancin'  
All night long  
Time for presents  
And exchanging kisses  
Time for singing Christmas songs

We're gonna have a party tonight  
I'm gonna find that girl  
Underneath the mistletoe  
We'll kiss by candle light

Room is swaying  
Records playing  
All the old songs  
Love to give  
Oh, I wish that  
Everyday was Christmas  
What a nice way  
To spend the year

We're gonna have a party tonight  
I'm gonna find that girl  
Underneath the mistletoe  
We'll kiss by candle light

Snow is fallin'  
All around me  
Children playin'  
Having fun  
It's the season  
Love and understanding  
Merry Christmas everyone

## 18. Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

Have yourself a merry little Christmas  
Let your heart be light  
From now on our troubles will be out of sight

Have yourself a merry little Christmas  
Make the Yuletide gay  
From now on our troubles will be miles away

Here we are as in olden days  
Happy golden days of yore  
Faithful friends who are dear to us  
Gather near to us once more

Through the years we all will be together  
If the fates allow

Hang a shining star upon the highest bough

And have yourself a merry little Christmas  
now

## 19. The Twelve Days Of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
A partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Two turtle doves

On the third day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Three French hens,

On the fourth day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Four calling birds,

On the fifth day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Five golden rings,

On the sixth day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Six geese a-laying,

On the seventh day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Seven swans a-swimming,

On the eighth day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Eight maids a-milking,

On the ninth day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Nine ladies dancing,

On the tenth day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Ten lords a-leaping,

On the eleventh day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Eleven pipers piping,

On the twelfth day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Twelve drummers drumming,