

## [41] While shepherds watched their flocks

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
an 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 Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

4 "The heavenly babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all simply wrapped in swaddling clothes & in a manger laid."

5 Thus spoke the angel. Suddenly appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;  
to those on whom his favor rests goodwill shall never cease."

## [42] We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas (x3)  
And a Happy New Year.

**Refrain:** Good tidings to you, where ever you are  
Good Tidings at Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding (x3)  
And a cup of good cheer! (*refrain*)

We won't go until we get some, (x3)  
So bring it right here! (*refrain*)

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And a Happy New Year!

# The NSM Carol Book

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## [1] Angels we have heard on high

1. **Angels** we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee, why your joyous strains prolong,  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song? Gloria in excelsis *etc.*

3. Come to **Bethlehem** & see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis *etc.*

4. See Him in a manger laid, Jesus Lord of heaven & earth;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
With us sing our Savior's birth. Gloria in excelsis *etc.*

## [2] As Joseph was a-walking

1. As Joseph was a-walking he heard an Angel sing:  
This night shall be the birth-time of Christ our heavenly King;  
His neither shall be born in housen nor in hall,  
Nor in the place of Paradise, but in an ox's stall.
2. He neither shall be clothed in purple nor in pall;  
But in the fair white linen that usen babies all.  
He neither shall be rocked, in silver nor in gold;  
But in a wooden cradle that resteth on the mold;
3. He neither shall be washen with white wine nor with red;  
But with the fair spring water, that on you shall be shed.  
Then, Christians, be ye merry, rejoice, give thanks, & sing;  
For on this blessed morning is born our Heav'nly King.
4. As Joseph was a-walking there did an Angel sing;  
And Mary's Child at midnight was born to be our King.  
Then be you glad, good people, this night of all the year;  
And light you up your candles for His star it shineth clear.

## [3] 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 bright sky look 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.

## [40] We three kings

1. We three kings of Orient are.  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.
- Refrain:** O Star of Wonder, Star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to Thy perfect light.
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign. (*refrain*)
  3. Frankincense to offer have I,  
Incense owns a Deity nigh,  
Prayer and praising, all men raising,  
Worship Him, God on high. (*refrain*)
  4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume,  
Breathes of life of gathering gloom,  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (*refrain*)
  5. Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and sacrifice,  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Earth to the heav'ns replies. (*refrain*)

### [38] We gather together

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!
3. We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

### [39] What child is this

1. What child is this, who laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap lay sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

**Refrain:** This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading. (*refrain*)
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone him. (*refrain*)

### [4] As with gladness, men of old

1. As with gladness, men of old  
Did the guiding star behold  
As with joy they hailed its light  
Leading onward, beaming bright  
So most glorious Lord may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly manger bed  
There to bend the knee before  
Him whom Heav'n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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  
Alleluias to our King!

### **[5] Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella!**

1. Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella!  
Bring a torch to the cradle run!  
It is Jesus, good folk of the village;  
Christ is born and Mary's calling:  
Ah! ah! beautiful is the mother!  
Ah! ah! beautiful is her Son!
2. It is wrong when the Child is sleeping  
It is wrong to talk so loud;  
Silence, all, as you gather around,  
Lest your noise should waken Jesus:  
Hush! hush! see how fast He slumbers:  
Hush! hush! see how fast He sleeps!
3. Softly to the little stable,  
Softly for a moment come;  
Look and see how charming is Jesus,  
See how He smiles, His cheeks how rosy!  
Hush! hush! see how the Child is sleeping;  
Hush! hush! see how He smiles in dreams.

### **[6] Deck the hall**

1. Deck the hall with boughs of holly, fa la la la la, la la la la  
'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la,  
Don we now our gay apparel, fa la la la la, la la la la,  
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, fa la la la la, la la la la.
2. See the blazing Yule before us, fa la la la la, la la la la,  
Strike the harp & join the chorus, fa la la la la, la la la la,  
Follow me in merry measure, fa la la la la, la la la la,  
While I tell of Yuletide treasure, fa la la la la, la la la la.
3. Fast away the old year passes, fa la la la la, la la la la,  
Hail the new, ye lads & lasses, fa la la la la, la la la la,  
Sing we joyous all together, fa la la la la, la la la la,  
Heedless of the wind & weather, fa la la la la, la la la la.

### **[37] The twelve days of Christmas**

1. On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me:  
A Partridge in a Pear Tree.
2. On the 2nd day of Christmas my true love sent to me:  
Two Turtle Doves and a Partridge in a Pear Tree.
3. On the 3rd day of Christmas my true love sent to me:  
3 French hens, 2 turtle doves, & a partridge in a pear tree.
4. On the 4th day of Christmas my true love sent to me:  
4 Calling Birds, 3 French hens, 2 turtle doves, *etc.*
5. On the 5th day of Christmas my true love sent to me:  
5 golden rings, 4 Calling Birds, 3 French Hens, *etc.*
6. On the 6th day of Christmas my true love sent to me:  
6 geese a-laying, 5 golden rings, 4 Calling Birds, *etc.*
7. On the 7th day of Christmas my true love sent to me:  
7 swans a-swimming, 6 geese a-laying, 5 golden *etc.*
8. On the 8th day of Christmas my true love sent to me:  
8 maids a-milking, 7 swans a-swimming, 6 geese, *etc.*
9. On the 9th day of Christmas my true love sent to me:  
9 Ladies dancing, 8 maids a milking, 7 swans, *etc.*
10. On the 10th day of Christmas my true love sent to me:  
10 Lords a leaping, 9 ladies dancing, 8 maids, *etc.*
11. On the 11th day of Christmas my true love sent to me:  
11 pipers piping, 10 Lords a-leaping, 9 Ladies, *etc.*
12. On the 12th day of Christmas my true love sent to me:  
12 drummers drumming, 11 pipers piping, 10 Lords, *etc.*

### [35] Silent night

1. 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.
2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah;  
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!
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, Christ the savior is born!

### [36] Unto us a Boy is born

1. Unto us a Boy is born, King of all creation:  
Came He to world forlorn, the Lord of every nation.
2. Cradled in a stall was He amid cows and asses;  
But the very beasts could see that He all men surpasses.
3. Herod then with fear was filled:  
"A prince," he said, "in Jewry!"  
All the little boys he killed at Bethl'em in his fury.
4. Now may Mary's Son, who came long ago to love us,  
Lead us all with hearts aflame unto the joys above us.
5. Omega and Alpha He! Let the organ thunder,  
While the choir with peals of glee  
doth rend the air asunder.

### [7] Come, ye thankful people, come

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home.
2. We ourselves are God's own field,  
Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown  
Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear;  
Grant O harvest Lord that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come,  
And shall take His harvest home;  
From His field shall in that day  
All offenses purge away,  
Giving angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast;  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In His garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
Bring Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There, forever purified, In Thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all Thine angels come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.

## [8] The first Noël

1. The first Noël 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.

**Refrain:** Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël,  
Born is the King of Israel

2. 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. (*refrain*)

3. And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from the country far;  
To seek for a King was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went. (*refrain*)

4. This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
O'er Bethlehem it took it's rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay,  
Right over the place where Jesus lay. (*refrain*)

5. Then entered in those wise men three,  
Fell reverently upon their knee,  
And offered there in his presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. (*refrain*)

6. 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 mankind has bought. (*refrain*)

## [33] O Tannenbaum

1 O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,  
How lovely are your branches!  
In beauty green will always grow  
Through summer sun & winter snow. O Christmas tree,  
O Christmas tree, how lovely are your branches!

2 O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,  
You are the tree most loved!  
How often you give us delight  
In brightly shining Christmas light! O Christmas Tree,  
O Christmas tree, you are the tree most loved!

3 O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,  
Your beauty green will teach me  
That hope and love will ever be  
The way to joy and peace for me. O Christmas Tree,  
O Christmas tree, your beauty green will teach me.

## [34] Santa Claus is coming to town

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

He's making a list and checking it twice, gonna find out  
Who's naughty & nice. Santa Claus is coming 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!

O! You better watch out! You better not cry, better not pout,  
I'm telling you why: Santa Claus is coming to town,  
Santa Claus is coming to town.

### [32] Once in royal David's city

1. 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.
2. He came down to earth from Heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable, & His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor & mean & lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. And, through all His wondrous childhood,  
He would honor and obey,  
Love & watch the lowly maiden,  
in whose gentle arms He lay:  
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as He.
4. 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 feeleth for our sadness,  
And He shareth in our gladness.
5. 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.
6. 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;  
Where like stars His children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.

### [9] From Heaven above to earth I come

1. From Heaven above to earth I come,  
To bear good news to every home;  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,  
Whereof I now will say and sing.
2. To you, this night, is born a Child  
Of Mary, chosen mother mild;  
This tender Child of lowly birth,  
Shall be the joy of all your earth.
3. 'Tis Christ our God, who far on high  
Had heard your sad and bitter cry;  
Himself will your Salvation be,  
Himself from sin will make you free.
4. He brings those blessings long ago  
Prepared by God for all below;  
That in His heavenly kingdom blest  
You may with us forever rest.
5. These are the tokens ye shall mark,  
The swaddling clothes and manger dark;  
There shall ye find the young Child laid,  
By Whom the heavens and earth were made.
6. Now let us all, with gladsome cheer,  
Follow the shepherds, and draw near  
To see this wondrous Gift of God,  
Who hath His own dear Son bestowed.

## [10] Glorious things of thee are spoken

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
2. See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons & daughters & all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,  
never fails from age to age.
3. Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud & fire appear  
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, their pillar leading,  
light by night, and shade by day;  
Daily on the manna feeding  
which He gives them when they pray.

## [11] Go, tell it on the mountain

**Refrain:** Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills & everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching over silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.  
*(refrain)*
2. The shepherds feared & trembled, when lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.  
*(refrain)*
3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.  
*(refrain)*

## [31] O little town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy dark 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; 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, the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
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, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sins and enter in,  
Be born to us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell:  
Oh, come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel!



### [30] Oh holy night

1. Oh holy night!, the stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
Fall on your knees, oh hear the angel voices,  
Oh night divine, oh night when Christ was born!  
Oh night divine, oh night, oh night divine!
2. Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Here come the wise men from Orient land.  
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
In all our trials born to be our friend.  
He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger,  
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!  
Behold your King, your King, behold your King!
3. Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother,  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name.  
Christ is the Lord, Oh praise his name forever,  
His power and glory evermore proclaim.  
His power, his glory, evermore proclaim.

### [12] God rest you merry

1. 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 power  
when we were gone astray.

**Refrain:** O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy!

2. From God our Heavenly Father  
a blessed Angel came;  
And unto certain Shepherds  
brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
t he Son of God by name. (*refrain*)

3. And when they came to Bethlehem  
where our dear Savior lay,  
They found Him in a manger,  
where oxen feed on hay;  
His Mother Mary kneeling down,  
unto the Lord did pray. (*refrain*)

4. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love & brotherhood each other now embrace;  
The holy time of Christmas is drawing on apace.  
(*refrain*)

5. God bless the ruler of this house & send him long to reign,  
That many a merry Christmas we live to see again  
Among our friends and kindred that live both far and near  
And God send you a happy New Year, happy New Year,  
And God send you a Happy New Year!

### [13] Gentle Mary laid her Child

1. Gentle Mary laid her Child lowly in a manger;  
There He lay, the undefiled, to the world a Stranger.  
Such a Babe in such a place, can he be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race who have found His favor.
2. Angels sang about His birth, wise men sought & found Him;  
Heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around Him.  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;  
All the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing.
3. Gentle Mary laid her Child lowly in a manger;  
He is still the undefiled, but no more a Stranger.  
Son of God of humble birth, beautiful the story;  
Praise His Name in all the earth, hail the King of Glory!

### [14] Good Christian friends rejoice

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart & soul & voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox & ass before him bow, And he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart & soul & voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door, & we are blest forever more.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart & soul & voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one & calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

### [29] O come, O come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
**Refrain:** Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,  
Shall come to thee O Israel!
2. O come, Thou Wisdom, from on high,  
Who orders all things far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go. *(refrain)*
3. O come, o come, great Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times did give the law,  
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. *(refrain)*
4. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, come Unto Thine own  
and rescue them! From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *(refrain)*
5. O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home.  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. *(refrain)*
6. O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer,  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadow put to flight. *(refrain)*
7. O come, Desire of the nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease  
And fill the world with heaven's peace. *(refrain)*

## [27] Now thank we all our God

1. Now thank we all our God,  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In Whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. Oh may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace, & guide us when perplexed;  
And guard us through all ills in this world & the next!
3. All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son and Him Who reigns  
With Them in highest Heaven;  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and Heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

## [28] O come all ye faithful

1. 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 (3x), Christ the Lord.
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God in the highest; (*refrain*)
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; (*refrain*)

## [15] Good King Wenceslas

1. Good King Wenceslas looked out  
on the feast of Stephen,  
when the snow lay round about, deep & crisp & 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, & stand by me. if thou know it telling:  
yonder peasant, who is he? where & 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 flesh, and bring me wine,  
bring me pine logs hither.  
Thou & I will see him dine when we bear them thither.  
Page & monarch, forth they went,  
forth they went together  
through the rude wind's wild lament & 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 good my page,  
tread thou in them boldly:  
thou shalt find the winter's rage  
freeze thy blood less coldly.
5. In his master's step 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.

## **[16] Good news from heav'n the angels bring**

1. Good news from heav'n the angels bring  
Glad tidings to the earth they sing:  
To us this day a child is giv'n,  
To crown us with the joy of heav'n.
2. This is the Christ, our God and Lord,  
Who in all need shall aid afford;  
He will Himself our Savior be,  
From all our sins to set us free.
3. All hail, Thou noble guest, this morn,  
Whose love did not the sinner scorn;  
In my distress Thou com'st to me;  
What thanks shall I return to Thee?
4. Were earth a thousand times as fair,  
Beset with gold and jewels rare,  
She yet were far too poor to be  
A narrow cradle, Lord, for Thee.
5. Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child,  
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,  
Within my heart, that it may be  
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.
6. Praise God upon His heavenly throne,  
Who gave to us His only Son;  
For this His hosts, on joyful wing,  
A blest New Year of mercy sing.

## **[26] Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing**

1. Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration  
For Thy Gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of Thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful,  
To the truth may we be found.
3. So that when Thy love shall call us,  
Savior, from the world away,  
Let no fear of death appall us,  
Glad Thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever,  
Reign with Thee in endless day.

## [24] Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

1. Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,  
from tender stem hath sprung.  
Of **Jesse's** lineage coming, as men of old have sung;  
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.
2. **Isaiah** 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,  
With **Mary** we behold it, the virgin mother kind;  
To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.
3. O Flower, whose fragrance tender  
with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispel with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;  
True man, yet very God, from Sin & death now save us,  
And share our every load.

## [25] Joy to the world!

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! the Savior 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.
3. 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.

## [17] Hark the herald angels sing

1. Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King,  
Peace on earth, & mercy mild, God & sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies,  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

**Refrain:** Hark, the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the new-born King.

2. 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.  
Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light & life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings. (*refrain*)

3. Come, desire of nations, come,  
Fix in us Thy humble home;  
Rise, the woman's conqu'ring seed,  
Bruise in us the serpent's head.  
Now display Thy saving power,  
Ruined nature now restore;  
Now in mystic union join  
Thine to ours, and ours to Thine. (*refrain*)

4. Adam's likeness, Lord, efface,  
Stamp Thine image in its place:  
Second Adam from above, reinstate us in Thy love.  
Let us Thee, though lost, regain,  
Thee, the Life, the inner man:  
O, to all Thyself impart,  
Formed in each believing heart. (*refrain*)

## [18] Here we come a-wassailing

1. Here we come a-wassailing among the leaves so green;  
Here we come a-wandering so fair to be seen.

**Refrain:** 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.

2. Our wassail cup is made of the rosemary tree,  
And so is your beer of the best barley. (*refrain*)

3. We are not daily beggars that beg from door to door;  
But we are neighbors' children,  
Whom you have seen before. (*refrain*)

4. Call up the butler of this house, put on his golden ring.  
Let him bring us up a glass of beer,  
And better we shall sing. (*refrain*)

5. We have got a little purse of stretching leather skin;  
We want a little of your money to line it well within.  
(*refrain*)

6. Bring us out a table and spread it with a cloth;  
Bring us out a moldy cheese,  
And some of your Christmas loaf. (*refrain*)

7. God bless the master of this house,  
Likewise the mistress too,  
And all the little children that round the table go. (*refrain*)

8. Good master and good mistress,  
While you're sitting by the fire, pray think of us poor children  
Who are wandering in the mire. (*refrain*)

## [23] Jingle bells

1. Dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way.  
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight!

**Refrain:** Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.  
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!  
Hey! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way;  
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!

2. 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,  
He got into a drifted bank  
and then we got upsot. (*refrain*)

3. A day or two ago, the story I must tell,  
I went out on the snow, and on my back I fell;  
A gent was riding by in a one-horse open sleigh,  
He laughed as there I sprawling lay,  
but quickly drove away. (*refrain*)

4. Now the ground is white go it while you're young,  
Take the girls tonight and sing this sleighing song;  
Just get a bobtailed bay two forty as his speed,  
Hitch him to an open sleigh  
and crack! you'll take the lead. (*refrain*)

## [22] It came upon the midnight clear

1. 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.
2. 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 & lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
3. But with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel strain have rolled  
Two thousands 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.
4. For, lo! the days are hastening on,  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years,  
Comes round the age of gold,  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

## [19] The holly and the ivy

1. The holly & the ivy, when they are both well grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the wood,  
the holly bears the crown.
- Refrain:** Oh, the rising of the sun, the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir,  
sweet singing in the choir.
2. The holly bears a blossom as white as lily flower,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
to be our sweet savior. (*refrain*)
  3. The holly bears a berry as red as any blood,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
to do poor sinners good. (*refrain*)
  4. The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
on Christmas Day in the morn. (*refrain*)
  5. The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
for to redeem us all. (*refrain*) ,

## [20] How brightly shines the Morning Star!

1. How brightly shines the Morning Star!  
The nations see and hail afar the light in Judah shining.  
Thou David's Son of Jacob's race,  
My Bridegroom and my King of Grace,  
For Thee my heart is pining.  
Jesu! Jesu! Holy, holy! yet most lowly!  
Draw thou near us: Great Immanuel, stoop and hear us.

2. Though circled by the hosts on high,  
He deigned to cast a pitying eye  
upon his helpless creature:  
The whole creation's Head and Lord,  
By highest seraphim adored, assumed our very nature;  
Sighing, crying, for the savor of Thy favor;  
Resting never, till I rest in Thee forever.

3. Thou, mighty Father, in Thy Son  
Didst love me ere Thou hadst begun  
This ancient world's foundation.  
Thy Son hath made a friend of me,  
And when in spirit Him I see, I joy in tribulation.  
What bliss is this! He that liveth to me giveth  
Life forever; nothing me from Him can sever.

4. Lift up the voice and strike the string.  
Let all glad sounds of music ring  
In God's high praises blended.  
Christ will be with me all the way,  
Today, tomorrow, every day, till traveling days be ended.  
Sing out, ring out, triumph glorious, o victorious,  
Chosen nation; praise the God of your salvation.

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5. Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply!  
With praise, ye sinners, fill the sky! For this his incarnation.  
Incarnate God, put forth thy power,  
Ride on, ride on, great conqueror, till all know thy salvation.  
Amen, amen! Hallelujah, hallelujah! Praise be given  
Evermore, by earth and heaven.

## [21] I saw three ships

1. 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.
2. And who was in those ships all three  
on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day  
And who was in those ships all three  
on Christmas Day in the morning?
3. The Virgin Mary and Joseph 'twas, *etc.*
4. O he did whistle and she did sing, *etc.*
5. St. Michael was the steeres-man, *etc.*
6. Pray whither sailed those ships all three, *etc.*
7. O they sailed into Bethlehem, *etc.*
8. And all the bells on earth shall ring, *etc.*
9. And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing, *etc.*
10. And all the souls on earth shall sing, *etc.*
11. Then let us all rejoice amen, *etc.*