

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 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.

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.

2. THE FIRST NOWELL

The First Noel 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:

Chorus
*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:

This star drew nigh to the northwest;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both Pause and stay
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay:

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made Heav'n and earth of nought.
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

3. WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED

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 mind)
"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, 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!"

4. 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 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.

5. O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of Angels:

Chorus:
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore
Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

CAROLS ON YOUR DOORSTEP

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Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the Highest:

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 wondering 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 tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

7. SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW

See amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on Earth below;
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years:

Chorus:
Hail, thou ever blessed morn;
Hail, redemption's happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;
Angels singing 'Peace on Earth'
Told us of the Saviour's birth:

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

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy sweet humility:

8. HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born 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.

Chorus
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born 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.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings;
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

9. WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you a merry Christmas (x 3)
And a happy New Year.

Chorus
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New
Year.

Now bring us some figgy pudding (x3)
And bring some out here.

And we won't go till we've got some (x3)
So bring some out here.

We wish you a merry Christmas (x 3)
And a happy New Year.