**1. O COME, ALL Y' 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;

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

2. God of God, Light of Light, lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, begotten not created;

   **(Chorus)**

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
   Glory to God, glory in the highest;

   **(Chorus)**

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**2. ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY**

1. 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

   **Chorus:**
   Come and worship, Christ, the newborn King, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night; God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light

   **Chorus**

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great desire of nations, ye have seen his natal star

   **(Chorus)**

4. Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord descending, in his temple shall appear

   **(Chorus)**

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Words:
John F Wade 1771–1786
trans. by Frederick Oakeley and others

Psalm 95.1

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Words:
James Montgomery 1771–1854

Isaiah 9:6

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**O Come, let us praise the LORD!**
Let us sing for joy to God, who protects us!

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All quotations taken from the Good News Bible except John 1:14 and Genesis 1:2 (both ESV).
3. **Silent Night, Holy 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 Alleluia! Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour 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, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*Words*
Joseph Mohr 1792–1848
trans. by John F Young 1820–1885

4. **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 world, the Saviour reigns! Let all 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, wonders of his love.

*Words*
Isaac Watts 1674–1748

5. **In the Bleak Midwinter**

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

4. 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.

*Words*
Christina G Rossetti 1830–1894
HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. 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 th' angelic host proclaim,
   "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
   Hark! the herald angels sing,
   "Glory to the new born King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
   Christ, the everlasting Lord;
   late in time behold him come,
   off spring of a virgin's womb.
   Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
   hail th' incarnate Deity,
   pleased as man with man to dwell,
   Jesus, our Emmanuel.
   Hark! the herald angels sing,
   "Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail, the heaven-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.
   Hark! the herald angels sing,
   "Glory to the new born King!"

Words
Charles Wesley 1707–1788; alt.
by George Whitefield and others

SUEDELY a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God:
   "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
   and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us."


AWAY IN A MANGER

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

Words
Anonymous

She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger - there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

Luke 2.7
**While Shepherds Watched**

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
   all seated on the ground;
   the angel of the Lord came down,
   and glory shone around.

2. “Fear not!” said he,
   for mighty dread
   had seized their troubled minds.
   “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 Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,
   and this shall be the sign:

4. The heavenly babe you
   there shall find
   to human view displayed,
   all meanly wrapped in
   swaddling bands,
   and in a manger laid.”

**Their Flocks**

5. Thus spake the seraph and forthwith
   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;
   goodwill henceforth from
   heaven to earth
   begin and never cease!”

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

1. 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.

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 given;
   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 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!

**Words**

Phillips Brooks 1835–1893

**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,
   and his cradle was a stall.
   With the poor, and mean and lowly
   lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

**Words**

Cecil Frances Alexander
1818–1895
We Three Kings

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

Chorus:
O star of wonder, star of light, 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.

(Chorus)

3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worship him God most high.

(Chorus)

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

(Chorus)

5. Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

(Chorus)

The First Noel

1. 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:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, 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.

(Chorus)

3. 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.

(Chorus)

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

(Chorus)

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

(Chorus)

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

(Chorus)

When they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshipped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to him.

Matthew 2:11