



Christmas Carols

ISAIAH 9:6-7

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and for ever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.

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1.

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight through all the earth;
heralds of creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth!

*Come and worship
Christ, the new-born King!
Come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King!*

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching by your flocks at night,
God with man is now residing:
see, there shines the infant light!

[Come and worship...]

Wise men, leave your contemplations!
Brighter visions gleam afar;
seek in him the hope of nations,
you have seen his rising star:

[Come and worship...]

Though an infant now we view him,
he will share his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:

[Come and worship...]

JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his
one and only Son, that whoever believes in
him shall not perish but have eternal life.

2.

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

GALATIANS 4:4-6

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.'

3.

The first nowell the angel did say,
was to Bethlehem's 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!*

Then wise men from a country far
looked up and saw a guiding star;
they travelled on by night and day
to reach the place where Jesus lay:

[Nowell...]

At Bethlehem they entered in,
on bended knee they worshipped Him;
they offered there in His presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense

[Nowell...]

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
for Christ has our salvation wrought
and with His blood mankind has bought:

[Nowell...]

MATTHEW 1:21

She will give birth to a son, and you are to
give him the name Jesus, because he will
save his people from their sins.

4.

God rest you merry gentlemen

Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy!*

O tidings of comfort and joy!

At Bethlehem, in Judah,
The holy babe was born;
They laid him in a manger
On that happy morn:
At which His mother Mary
Did neither fear nor scorn:

[O tidings of comfort and joy...]

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
With Christian love and fellowship
Each other now embrace;
And let this Christmas festival
All bitterness displace:

[O tidings of comfort and joy...]

1 JOHN 4:14

And we have seen and testify that the
Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour
of the world.

5.

Hark! the herald-angels sing,

‘Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.’

Joyful, all you 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 Immanuel.

[Hark! the herald-angels sing...]

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail, the Sun 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...]

6.

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.

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.

7.

Joy to the world, the Lord has 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!

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!
Your sweetest songs employ,
while fields and streams and 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,
the wonders of his love,
the wonders of his love,
the wonders, wonders of his love.

LUKE 2:1-7

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

8.

O come, all you faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come now, O come now 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!

True God of true God,
light of light eternal,
He who abhors not the virgin's womb;
Son of the Father,
begotten not created:

[O come, let us adore Him...]

Sing like the angels,
sing in exultation,
sing with the citizens of heaven above,
‘Glory to God,
glory in the highest’:

[O come, let us adore Him...]

Yes, Lord, we greet You,
born that happy morning,
Jesus, to You be glory given!
Word of the Father,
then in flesh appearing:

[O come, let us adore Him...]

9.

O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

[Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel...]

O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,
unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

[Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel...]

O come, Thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

[Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel...]

O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe for us the heavenward road
and bar the way to death's abode.

[Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel...]

10.

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.

For Christ is born of Mary;

and, gathered all above,

while mortals sleep, the angels keep

their watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together

proclaim the holy birth,

and praises sing to God the King,

and peace to men on earth.

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!

11.

O holy night the stars are brightly shining

It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till he appeared 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
O hear the angel voices
O night divine
O night when Christ was born
O night divine
O night, O night divine*

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by the cradle we stand
Over the world a star is sweetly gleaming
Now come the wise men from the Orient land
The King of kings laid 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
Before him lowly bend*

Truly he taught us to love one another
His law is love and his gospel in peace
Chains he shall break for the slave is our brother
And in his name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raising
Let all within us praise his holy name

*Christ is the Lord
O praise his name forever
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim
His pow'r and glory
Evermore proclaim*

12.

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 mother,
in whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all should be,
kind, obedient, good as He.

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 feels for all our sadness,
and He shares in all our gladness.

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;
there His children gather round,
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

13.

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 first saw the light,
Heard resounding clear and long,
Far and near, the angel-song:
"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.

LUKE 2:8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those
on whom his favour rests.'

14.

We three kings of Orient are;

bearing gifts we travel 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.*

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

[O star of wonder, star of light...]

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

[O star of wonder, star of light...]

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

[O star of wonder, star of light...]

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

[O star of wonder, star of light...]

15.

While shepherds watched

their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
an 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
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 simply wrapped in swaddling clothes
and in a manger laid."

Thus spoke the angel. Suddenly
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;
to those on whom his favor rests
goodwill shall never cease."

MATTHEW 1:22-23

All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had
said through the prophet:

‘The virgin will conceive
and give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel’
(which means ‘God with us’).

JOHN 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



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