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## Doorstep Carols Instructions



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Visit the website [doorstepcarols.co.uk](http://doorstepcarols.co.uk) and download the words.



### TUNE IN

The carols will be broadcast on your local BBC Radio station to help us all stay in time and in tune (& via BBC Sounds on the 24th)



### SING

Simply sing along on the night, in household bubbles only - Help us spread the word with your neighbours!



# 1

## Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the new born King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
Gold and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all thee 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 God-head see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

*Repeat chorus*

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 lay His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

*Repeat chorus*

# 2

## It Came upon the Midnight Clear

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 earth, goodwill to men,  
From heaven's all-gracious King!"  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

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 and lonely plains  
They bend on heavenly wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

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 splendours fling  
And the whole world sends back the  
song Which now the angels sing!



# 3

## Silent Night

# 4

## The First Noel

Silent Night! Holy Night!  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round the virgin mother and child;  
Holy infant, tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent Night! Holy Night!  
Guiding star, lend thy light.  
See, the eastern wise men bring  
Gifts and homage to our King,  
Jesus Christ is here.  
Jesus Christ is here.

Silent Night! Holy Night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light  
With the angels let us sing  
Hallelujahs to our King.  
Jesus Christ is here.  
Jesus Christ is here.



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.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
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.

*Repeat chorus*

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

*Repeat chorus*

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
That hath made heaven and earth of  
nought,  
And with Hi blood mankind hath  
bought.

*Repeat chorus*

# 5

## Once in Royal David's City

1st verse - soloist  
2nd verse - choir only

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.

Not in that poor, lonely 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.

# 6

## In the Bleak Midwinter

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.

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 give Him?  
Give Him my heart.






## Good King Wenceslas



## While Shepherds Watched



Good King Wenceslas looked out  
On the Feast of Stephen  
When the snow lay round about,  
Deep, and crisp and even,  
Brightly shone 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 St. Agnes' fountain.”

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.

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  
A Saviour who is Christ the Lord  
And this shall be the sign.

All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace.  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to  
men Begin and never cease.

# 9 O Little Town of Bethlehem

# 10 Unto us a Boy is Born

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.

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 should 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.

Unto us a Boy  
is Born!  
King of all creation  
Came He to a world forlorn  
The Lord of every nation.

Cradled in a stall was He  
With sleepy cows and asses  
But the very beasts could see  
That He all men surpasses.


Omega and Alpha He!  
Let the organ thunder  
While the choir with peals of glee  
Doth rend the air asunder.





# 11

## Away in a Manger



Away in a Manger,  
No crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
Lay 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.

# 12

## Angels from the Realms of Glory

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.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds in the fields abiding  
Watching o'er your flocks by night God  
with man is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant light;

Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Sages leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations  
Ye have seen His natal star;

Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Though an infant now we view Him  
He shall fill His Father's throne,  
Gather all the nations to Him;  
Every knee shall then bow down;

Gloria, in excelsis Deo.



# 13

## God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen

God Rest ye merry, gentlemen, Let  
nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour  
Was born upon this day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray

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and joy  
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From God our heav'nly Father  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name

*Repeat Chorus*

Now to the Lord sing praises  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All others doth deface

*Repeat Chorus*

# 14

## 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 angels singing  
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!

Pray you dutifully prime  
Your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rime  
Your evetime song, ye singers  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!






# 15

## O Come all ye Faithful

# 16

## Jingle Bells



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

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

*Repeat chorus*

Sing, choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above  
"Glory to God in the highest!"

*Repeat chorus*

Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh

Dashing through the snow  
In a one horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way  
Bells on bob tails ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to laugh and sing A  
sleighting song tonight

*Repeat chorus*



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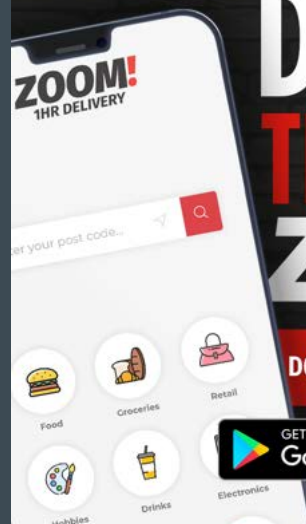
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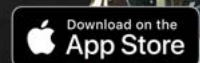
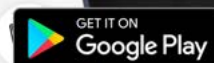
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