20 Christmas Classic Songs

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Angels From the Realms of Glory

Words: JAMES MONTGOMERY

With dignity \( \dot{j} = 96 \)

Music: HENRY THOMAS SMART

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:

2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watch o'er your God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light; Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King!

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighten visions of God's design, seek the great desire of nations; in His temple shall appear; come and worship, worshipping Christ, the new-born King!

4. Saints, before the altar bending, watch long in reverie, gather all the nations to Him; in every knee shall then bow down.

5. Though an infant now we view Him, He shall fill His glory, hope and fear, suddenly the Lord descending, Father's throne. Gather all the nations to Him;

SONGS, Carols, Hymns and Music of Christmas
Angels We Have Heard On High

Words: ANONYMOUS
Translated by: JAMES CHADWICK

GLORIA
Music: FRENCH CAROL
Arranged by: EDWARD SHIPPEN BARNES

Exultantly \( (\text{\textit{d} = 108}) \)

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
   and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
   What the glad some tidings be? Which inspire your heav'nly song?

3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
   come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

4. See Him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
   Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

Refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Away in A Manger

Words: ANONYMOUS

Music: JAMES RAMSEY MURRAY

Moderately \( \frac{q}{\text{Be}} = 100 \)

1. Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, the
   little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head; the
   stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the
   little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing the Baby wakes, but
   lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing He makes. I
   love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and
   stay by my cradle 'til morn - ing is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay, close
   by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless
   all the dear children in Thy ten - der care, and
   take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.
Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Words: ANONYMOUS
Stanzas 1-3 Attributed to:
JOHN WESLEY WORK, JR.

Music: AFRICAN-
AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

Joyfully \( \text{joy} = 120 \)

Refrain

Go, tell it on the mountain, o'er the hills and ev'rywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, be-
2. The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth rang
3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and
4. When I was a seeker, I sought both night and day, I

hold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.___
out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.___
God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.___
sought the Lord to help me and He showed me the way.___

\[ \text{to Refrain} \]
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Words: ANONYMOUS
Music: ENGLISH MELODY
Arranged by: JOHN STAINER

Heartily (\( \text{d} = 80 \))

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may, re -
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came; and
3. But when to Beth - le - hem they came where our dear Sav - ior lay, they
4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es all you with - in this place, and

mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day; To
un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought ti - dings of the same; how
found Him in a man - ger where ox - en feed on hay; His
with true love and broth - er - hood each oth - er now em - brace; this

Refrain

save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;
that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name;
moth - er Ma - ry kneel - ing un - to the Lord did pray;
ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace;

com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy; O_ ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

WORDS: ANONYMOUS

MUSIC: ENGLISH MELODY

ARRANGED BY: JOHN STAINER
Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Words Attributed to: HENRY SUSO
Translated by: JOHN MASON NEALE

IN DULCI JUBILO
Music: GERMAN MELODY
Arranged by: JOHN STAINER

Lively (\( \mathit{q.} = 84 \))

1. Good Christian men, \( \text{re} \)-joice with heart and soul \( \text{and} \) voice, \( \text{give ye} \) heed \( \text{to} \) what we say; \( \text{News! News!} \) \( \text{Jesus Christ is born to-day!} \)

2. Good Christian men, \( \text{re} \)-joice with heart and soul \( \text{and} \) voice, \( \text{now ye hear of} \) end- \( \text{less} \) bliss; \( \text{Joy! Joy!} \) \( \text{Jesus Christ was born for this!} \)

3. Good Christian men, \( \text{re} \)-joice with heart and soul \( \text{and} \) voice, \( \text{now ye need not fear} \) the grave; \( \text{Peace! Peace!} \) \( \text{Jesus Christ was born to save!} \)

born to-day! \( \text{Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the man- \( \text{ger now;} \) \( \text{Christ is born to-day!} \)\( \text{ev-} \) \( \text{er-more;} \) \( \text{Christ was born for this!} \)

born for this! \( \text{He hath oped the heav'n-ly door and man is blest for- last-ing h} \text{all;} \) \( \text{Christ was born to save!} \)\( \text{ev-} \) \( \text{er-more;} \) \( \text{Christ was born for this!} \)
SONGS, Carols, Hymns and Music of Christmas

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Words: CHARLES WESLEY
Music: FELIX MENDELSSOHN
Arranged by: WILLIAM HAYMAN CUMMINGS

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glor-y to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord;
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,

with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Beth-lehem!"
pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Em-man-u-el,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec-ond birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glor-y to the new-born King!"
I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day

Words: HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW
Music: JOHN BAPTISTE CALKIN

Thoughtfully (♩ = 88)

1. I heard the bells on Christmas day their old familiar carols play. And wild and sweet the
   2. I thought how, as the day had come, the bel fries of all Christendom had rolled along th’un-
   3. And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said, "for hate is strong and
   4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep. The wrong shall fail, the
   5. Till, ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day a voice, a chime, a

words repeat of peace on earth, good will to men.
broken song of peace on earth, good will to men.
mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men."
right pre-vail, with peace on earth, good will to men."
chant sublime, of peace on earth, good will to men.
It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Words: EDMUND HAMILTON SEARS
Music: RICHARD STORRS WILLIS

Calmly (♩= 126)

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."
   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. And
   hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels sing.

3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife, the world has suffered long; Be-
   toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow. Look
   ev'ry hour, give back the song which now the angels sing.

4. And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low, who
   with the ever circling years, comes round the Age of Gold, when
   peace shall o'er all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and

5. For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold, when,
Joy to the World!

Words: ISAAC WATTS

ANTIOCH
Music: ENGLISH MELODY
Arranged by: LOWELL MASON

With spirit (\( \text{\textit{j}} = 108 \))

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come, let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and

2. Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns; let men their songs employ. While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and flow, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings prove the glories of His righteous love, far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteous love, far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found.

(1) and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing.
Messiah
Part I, No. 12 Chorus, “For Unto Us A Child Is Born”

Words Compiled by: CHARLES JENNENS
From: ISAIAH 9:6

Music: GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

Moderately ($\frac{\text{q}}{\text{d}} = 92$)

For unto us a Child is born, unto us, a Son is given, unto us a Son is given. And the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called: Wonderful,

Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting

**Messiah**

Part II, No. 44 Chorus, “Hallelujah”

Words Compiled by: CHARLES JENNENS
From: REVELATION 19:6; 11:15; 19:16

Music: GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

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**Allegro (q = 108)**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah, halle-lu-jah, halle-lu-jah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah, halle-lu-jah, halle-lu-jah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, hallelujah, hallelujah, halle-

lu-jah, halle-lu-jah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, hale-lu-jah!

* Additional Lyrics:

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord,  
And of His Christ,  
And He shall reign for ever and ever.  
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords,  
And He shall reign for ever and ever.  Hallelujah!
O Come, All Ye Faithful

Words Attributed to: JOHN FRANCIS WADE
Translated by: FREDERICK OAKELEY

Music Attributed to: JOHN FRANCIS WADE

Stately \( \text{\textit{(d = 100)}} \)

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O
2. God of God, Light of Light, 
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, 
4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, 

Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb.
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above.
Jesus, to Thee be glory giving.

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;
Very God, begotten, not created;
Glory to God in highest;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Words: ANONYMOUS
Translated by: JOHN MASON NEALE

VENI EMMANUEL
Music: FRENCH MELODY
Arranged by: THOMAS HELMORE

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile.

Isaiah, that makes safe the way that leads on.

Advent here; from depths of hell Thy people/Shall come to Thee, O Israel.

Refrain: Here, until the Son of God appears/save, and give them victory o’er the grave.

Night and death’s dark shadows put to flight! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanu-el shall come to thee, O Israel.
O Holy Night

Majestically (\( \frac{3}{4} = 72 \))

1. O holy night, the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Saviour's birth.

2. Led by the light of faith serenely beam ing, with glowing heart by His cradle we stand. Long lay the world in sin and error pin ing, till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world re joices, for yonder breaks a

3. Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace. So led by light of a star sweetly gleam ing, here came the Wise Men from the Orient land. The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials

Words: PLACIDE CAPPEAU
Translated by: JOHN SULLIVAN DWIGHT

CANTIQUE DE NOEL
Music: ADOLPHE CHARLES ADAM

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O Holy Night

new and glorious morn!     Fall on your knees!     O
born to be our friend;   He knows our need,  He
praise His holy name.  Christ is the Lord!  O

hear the angel voices!  O night divine!  O
guards us from all danger.  Behold your
praise His name forever!  His power and

vine!  O night when Christ was born!  O
King;  before Him lowly bend!  Be
glory ever more proclaim!  His

night divine!  O night, O night divine!
hold your King;  before Him lowly
pow'r and

vine!  bend!  glory ever more proclaim! 
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Words: PHILLIPS BROOKS
Music: LEWIS HENRY REDNER

Quietly (\( \frac{\text{3}}{4} = 96 \))

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! A-bove 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 morn-ing stars to-geth-er 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 out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast light; birth, sin, tell; where O Light; birth, sin, and peac-est sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!

Hymns and Music of Christmas
Silent Night

Words: JOSEPH MOHR
Translated by: JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG

STILLE NACHT
Music: FRANZ GRUBER

Calmly ($\frac{\text{b}}{=}$ 100)

1. Silent night, holy night. All is calm,
   all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and Child;
   holy infant so tender and mild, Peace, born!

2. Silent night, holy night. Shepherds quake
   at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar,
   heav'nly hosts sing alleluia; Birth, 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.

4. Silent night, holy night. God,almighty, seated in the bright beams of light,
   hosts of heaven, rejoicing, singing in the sky of day,
   heaven's pearly gates are opened, peace, born!

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The First Noel

Words: ANONYMOUS
First Published by: DAVIES GILBERT

Music: ENGLISH MELODY
First Published by: WILLIAM SANDYS
Arranged by: JOHN STAINER

Moderately \( \left( \frac{q}{= 112} \right) \)

1. The first Noel the angel did say, was to
   the certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
   in the east, beyond them far; and
   fields where they lay tending their sheep, on a

2. They looked up and saw a star shining
   in the east, beyond them far; and
   wise men came from country far; to
   seek for a King was their intent, and to

3. And by the light of that same star three
   wise men came from a far; to
   seek for a King was their intent, and to

4. This star drew near to the northwest, over
   the fields beyond its rest; and
   where it did stop and stay, right_

\( \text{Music: ENGLISH MELODY} \)
\( \text{First Published by: WILLIAM SANDYS} \)
\( \text{Arranged by: JOHN STAINER} \)
The First Noel

Verse 5
Then did they know assuredly
Within that house the King did lie;
One entered in them for to see,
And found the Babe in poverty.
Refrain

Verse 6
Then enter’d in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offer’d there in His presence,
Their gold, and myrrh and frankincense.
Refrain

Verse 7
Between an ox stall and an ass,
This Child truly there He was;
For want of clothing they did Him lay
All in a manger, among the hay.
Refrain

Verse 8
Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heav’n and earth of nought,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.
Refrain

Verse 9
If we in our time shall do well,
We shall be free from death and hell;
For God hath prepared for us all
A resting place in general.
Refrain
We Three Kings of Orient Are

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT
Words and Music: JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, JR.

Stately ($d = 132$)

1. We three kings of Ori - ent are, bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far,
   field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
   O_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ star of won - der star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,
   west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

2. Born a king on Beth - le - hem plain, gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,
   King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
   west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, in - cense owns a de - i - ty high;
   prayer and prais - ing, all men rais - ing, wor - ship Him God on high.
   west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
   sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
   west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;
   heav'n sings hal - le - lu - jah: hal - le - lu - jah the earth re - pies.
   west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

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SONGS, Carols, Hymns and Music of Christmas
What Child Is This?

Words: WILLIAM CHATTERTON DIX

Calmly (♩ = 144)

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom
2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king to own him; the

angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
Christian, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.
Raise, raise the song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby.

haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.
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While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Words: NAHUM TATE

Music: GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

Moderately ($q = 96$)

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

2. "Fear not!" said he, for might-y dread had seized their troubled
   mind; "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to
   you and all mankind, to you and all mankind!

3. "To you in David's town, this day is born of David's
   line, the Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and
   this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign.

4. "The heav'n-ly Babe you there shall find to human view dis-
   played, all mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and
   in a man-ger laid, and in a man-ger laid.

5. Thus spake the ser-aph, and forth-with appeared a shin-ing
   throng all an-gels prais-ing God, who thus ad-
   dressed their joy-ful song, addressed their joy-ful song.

6. "All glo-ry be to God on high, and to the earth be-
   peace; good will hence-from from heav'n to men be-
   gin and never cease, begin and never cease!"