



20 CLASSIC

Christmas SONGS

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Angels From the Realms of Glory

Words: JAMES MONTGOMERY

REGENT SQUARE
Music: HENRY THOMAS SMART

With dignity (♩=96)

1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2. Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions
4. Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in
5. Though an in - fant now we view Him, He shall fill His

all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with man is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Fath - er's throne. Gath - er all the na - tions to Him;

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant light;
ye have seen the na - tal star; Come and wor - ship,
in His tem - ple shall ap - pear;
ev' - ry knee shall then bow down.

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King!

Angels We Have Heard On High

Words: ANONYMOUS
Translated by: JAMES CHADWICK

GLORIA
Music: FRENCH CAROL
Arranged by: EDWARD SHIPPEN BARNES

Exultantly (♩ = 108)

1. An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See Him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some ti - dings be? Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

Refrain

Glo - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Away in A Manger

Words: ANONYMOUS

Music: JAMES RAMSEY MURRAY *MUELLER*

Moderately (♩ = 100)

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for His bed, the
2. The cat - tle are low - ing the Ba - by a - wakes, but
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask Thee to stay, close

lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head; the
lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing He makes. I
by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless

stars in the sky — looked down where He lay, the
love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky and
all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care, and

lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
stay by my cra - dle 'til morn - ing is nigh.
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 (♩ = 120)
Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled, when lo! a - bove the earth rang
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and
 4. When I was a seek - er, I sought both night and day, I

to Refrain

hold through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light. —
 out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth. —
 God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn. —
 sought the Lord to help me and He showed me the way. —

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Words: ANONYMOUS

CHESTNUT

Music: ENGLISH MELODY

Arranged by: JOHN STAINER

Heartily (♩ = 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; O__ ti - dings of
 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.

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 (♩ = 84)

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and
2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and
3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and

voice, give ye heed to what we say; News! News! Je - sus Christ is
voice, now ye hear of end - less bliss; Joy! Joy! Je - sus Christ was
voice, now ye need not fear the grave; Peace! Peace! Je - sus Christ was

born to - day! Ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the
born for this! He hath op'ed the heav'n - ly door and man is blest for -
born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er -

man - ger now; Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
ev - er - more. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
last - ing hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MEDELSSOHN

Words: CHARLES WESLEY

Music: FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Arranged by: WILLIAM HAYMAN CUMMINGS

Triumphantly (♩ = 100)

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, — "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, — Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! — Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 late in time be - hold Him come, — off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, — ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, — join the tri - ump of the skies; —
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; — hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty, —
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, — born that man no more may die, —

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased as man with man to dwell, Je - sus — our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to — give them sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry — to the new - born King!"

I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day

Words: HENRY WADSWORTH
LONGFELLOW

WALTHAM
Music: JOHN BAPTISTE CALKIN

Thoughtfully (♩ = 88)

1. I heard the bells on Christ - mas day their
 2. I thought how, as the day had come, the
 3. And in de - spair I bowed my head: "There
 4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God
 5. Till, ring - ing, sing - ing on its way, the

old fa - mil - iar car - ols play. And wild and sweet the
 bel - fries of all Chris - ten - dom had rolled a - long th'un -
 is no peace on earth," I said, "for hate is strong and
 is not dead, nor doth He sleep. The wrong shall fail, the
 world re - volved from night to day a voice, a chime, a

words re - peat of peace on earth, good will to men.
 bro - ken 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 sub - lime, of peace on earth, good will to men.

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Words: EDMUND HAMILTON SEARS

Music: RICHARD STORRS WILLIS *CAROL*

Calmly (♩ = 126)

1. It came up-on the mid- night clear, that glo- ri- ous song of old, from
 2. Still through the clo- ven skies they come, with peace- ful wings un- furled, and
 3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife, the world has suf- fered long; Be-
 4. And ye, be-neath life's crush- ing load, Whose forms are bend- ing low, who
 5. For lo, the days are has- t'ning on, by proph- et bards fore- told, when,

an- gels bend- ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold; "Peace
 still their heav- en- ly mu- sic floats o'er all the wea- ry world. A -
 neath the an- gel strain have rolled, two thou- sand years of wrong. And
 toil a - long the climb- ing way with pain- ful steps and slow. Look
 with the ev- er cir- cling years, comes round the Age of Gold, when

on the earth, good- will to men, from heav- en's all gra- cious King." The
 bove its sad and low- ly plains they bend on hov- 'ring wing, and
 man, at war with man, hears not, the love song which they bring; O
 now! for glad and gold- en hours, come swift- ly on the wing. O
 peace shall o- ver all the earth its an- cient splen- dors fling, and

world in sol- emn still- ness lay to hear the an- gels sing.
 ev- er o'er its Ba- bel sounds the bless- ed an- gels sing.
 hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the an- gels sing.
 rest be- side the wea- ry road and hear the an- gels sing.
 the whole world give back the song which now the an- gels sing.

Joy to the World!

Words: ISAAC WATTS

ANTIOCH

Music: ENGLISH MELODY
Arranged by: LOWELL MASON

With spirit (♩ = 108)

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come, let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; _____ let ev - 'ry _____ heart _____ pre - pare _____ him _____
 ploy. _____ While fields _____ and _____ floods, _____ rocks, _____ hills, _____ and _____
 ground; _____ He comes _____ to _____ make _____ His _____ bless - ings _____
 prove _____ the glo - ries _____ of _____ His _____ right - eous _____

room, _____ and heav'n and na - ture _____ sing, _____ and _____ heav'n and na - ture _____
 plains _____ re - peat the sound - ing _____ joy, _____ re - peat the sound - ing _____
 flow _____ far _____ as the curse is _____ found, _____ far _____ as the curse is _____
 ness, _____ and won - ders of His _____ love, _____ and _____ won - ders of His _____

(1) and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, _____ and _____ heav-en, _____ and heav - en and na - ture sing.
 joy, _____ re - peat, _____ re - peat _____ the sound - ing _____ joy.
 found, _____ far _____ as, _____ far as _____ the curse is _____ found.
 love, _____ and _____ won - ders, _____ won - ders of His _____ love.

heav'n and na - ture 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 (♩ = 92)

For un - to us a Child is born, — un - to us, a Son is
giv-en, un - to us a Son is giv-en. And the gov - ern-ment shall
be up-on His shoul - der; and His name shall be call-ed: Won-der-ful,
Coun - sel-or, The might - y God, The ev - er-last-ing
Fath-er, The Prince of Peace, The ev - er-last-ing Fath-er, The Prince of Peace.

Messiah

Part II, No. 44 Chorus, "Hallelujah"

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

Music: GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

Allegro (♩ = 108)

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

For the Lord God Om - ni - po - tent reign - eth, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! For the Lord God Om - ni - po - tent reign - eth, hal - le - 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

ADESTE FIDELES
Music Attributed to:
JOHN FRANCIS WADE

Stately (♩ = 100)

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. God of God, Light of Light,
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem.
Lo! He ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb.
sing all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove.
Je - sus, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n.

Come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels;
Ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;
Glo - ry to God in the high - est;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, O

come let us a - dore 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

Solemnly (♩ = 108)

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's
3. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by Thine
4. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our
5. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes on

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
ty - ran - ny; from depths of hell Thy peo - ple
Ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on the
Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the

Refrain
here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
night and death's dark sha - dows put to flight! Re - joice! Re -
high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
law in cloud, and maj - es - ty and awe.

joice! E - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

O Holy Night

Words: PLACIDE CAPPEAU
Translated by: JOHN SULLIVAN DWIGHT

CANTIQUE DE NOEL
Music: ADOLPHE CHARLES ADAM

Majestically (♩=72)

1. O ho - ly night, the stars are bright - ly shin - ing, it is the night of the
2. Led by the light of faith se - rene - ly beam - ing, with glow - ing heart by His
3. Tru - ly He taught us to love one an - oth - er; His law is love and His

dear Sav - ior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and er - ror pin -
cra - dle we stand. So led by light of a star sweet - ly gleam -
gos - pel is peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave is our broth -

ing, 'til He ap - peared and the soul felt its worth. A
ing, here came the Wise Men from the O - rient land. The
er, and in His name all op - pres - sion shall cease. Sweet

thrill of hope the wea - ry world re - joic - es, for yon - der breaks a
King of Kings lay thus in low - ly man - ger, in all our tri - als
hymns of joy in grate - ful cho - rus raise we, let all with - in us

new and glo - rious morn! _____ Fall _____ on your knees! _____ O
 born to be our friend; _____ He _____ knows our need, _____ He
 praise His ho - ly name. _____ Christ _____ is the Lord! _____ O

hear _____ the an - gel voic - es! O night _____ di -
 guards _____ us from all dan - ger. Be - hold _____ your
 praise His name for - ev - er! His pow - er _____ and

vine! _____ O night _____ when Christ was born! _____ O
 King; _____ be - fore _____ Him low - ly bend! _____ Be -
 glo - ry _____ ev - er - more pro - claim! _____ His

night _____ di - vine! _____ O night, O night di -
 hold _____ your King; _____ be - fore Him low - ly
 pow'r _____ and

vine! _____ glo - ry _____ ev - er more pro - claim!
 bend! _____ 2 2 3

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Words: PHILLIPS BROOKS

ST. LOUIS
Music: LEWIS HENRY REDNER

Quietly (♩ = 96)

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! A -
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove, while
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n; so
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray; cast

bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by. Yet
 mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love. O
 God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of His heav'n. No
 out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in us to - day. We

in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light; the
 morn - ing stars to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth, and
 ear may hear His com - ing, but in this world of sin, where
 hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell; O

hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!
 meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
 come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

Silent Night

Words: JOSEPH MOHR
Translated by: JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG

STILLE NACHT
Music: FRANZ GRUBER

Calmly (♩ = 100)

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night. All is calm,
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night. Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night. Son of God,

all is bright 'round yon vir - gin moth - er and Child;
at the sight, glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light. ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face,

ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy

peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior is born.
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

The First Noel

Words: ANONYMOUS
First Published by: DAVIES GILBERT

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

Moderately (♩ = 112)

1. The first Noel the angel did say, was to
2. They looked up and saw a star shin - ing
3. And by the light of that same star three
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o - ver

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in
in the east, be - yond them far; and
wise men came from coun - try far; to
Beth - le - hem it took its rest; and

fields where they lay tend - ing their sheep, on a
to the earth it gave great light, and
seek for a King was their in - tent, and to
there it did both stop and stay, right

cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

Refrain

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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 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 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 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 (♩ = 132)



1. We three kings of Or - i - ent are, bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far,
 2. Born a king on Beth - le - hem plain, gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, in - cense owns a de - i - ty night;
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing, all men rais - ing, wor - ship Him God on high.
 sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 heav'n sings hal - le - lu - jah: hal - le - lu - jah the earth re - plies.



Refrain



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.



What Child Is This?

Words: WILLIAM CHATTERTON DIX

GREENSLEEVES

Music: ENGLISH MELODY

Arranged by: JOHN STAINER

Calmly (♩ = 144)

1. What Child is this, — who, laid to rest, — on Ma-ry's lap — is sleep - ing? Whom
 2. Why lies he in — such mean es - tate — where ox and ass — are feed - ing? Good
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come peas-ant, king — to own him; the

an - gels greet — with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch — are keep - ing?
 Christ - ian, fear, — for sin - ners here — the si - lent Word — is plead - ing.
 King of kings — sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts — en - throne him.

This, this — is Christ the King, — whom shep - herds guard — and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear — shall pierce him through, — the cross be borne — for me, for you.
 Raise, raise — the song on high, — the Vir - gin sings — her lul - la - by.

haste, haste — to bring him laud, — the Babe, — the Son — of Ma - ry.
 Hail, hail — the Word made flesh, — the Babe, — the Son — of Ma - ry.
 Joy, joy — for Christ is born, — the Babe, — the Son — of Ma - ry.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Words: NAHUM TATE

CHRISTMAS
Music: GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

Moderately (♩ = 96)

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the
 2. "Fear not!" said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled
 3. "To you in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's
 4. "The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis -
 5. Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth - with ap - peared a shin - ing
 6. "All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the earth be

ground, the an - gel of the Lord came down, and
 mind; "Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring to
 line the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord, and
 played, all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and
 thron of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad -
 peace; good will hence - forth from heav'n to men be -

glo - ry shone a - round, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 you and all man - kind, to you and all man - kind!"
 this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign."
 in a man - ger laid, and in a man - ger laid."
 dressed their joy - ful song, ad - dressed their joy - ful song,
 gin and ne - ver cease, be - gin and nev - er cease!"