

# Christmas Carols

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## Away in a Manger

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 for ever,  
And love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children  
In Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven  
To live with Thee there.

## Deck the Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la,  
'Tis the season to be jolly,  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.  
Don we now our gay apparel  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.  
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.

See the blazing Yule before us,  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.  
Strike the harp and join the chorus,  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.  
Follow me in merry measure,  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.  
While I tell of Christmas treasure,  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.

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## God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

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.

(Refrain):  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem; in Jewry, This blessed Babe was born,  
And laid within a manger, Upon this blessed morn.  
To which His mother Mary, Did nothing take in scorn.

From God, our heavenly 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.

The Shepherds at those tidings, Rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding, In tempest, storm and wind;  
And went to Bethlehem straightway, The Son of God to find.

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 other doth deface.

## Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas once 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 Saint Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, Bring me pine-logs hither,  
Thou and I will see him dine, When we bear them thither;  
Page and monarch, forth they went, Forth they went together,  
Through the rude wind's wild lament, And the bitter weather."

"Sire, the night is darker now, And the wind blows stronger,  
Fails my heart, I know not how, I can go no longer."  
"Mark my footsteps, my good page: Tread thou in them boldly,  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage, Freeze thy blood less coldly."

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 power possessing,  
Ye who now will bless the poor, Shall yourselves find blessing.

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