



# Besthorpe Carols on the Green



## 1. Jingle Bells

*Oh, 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 sleighing song tonight.*

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 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.*



## 2. God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen

*V1. God rest ye 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*

*V2. 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.  
 O tidings of comfort and joy,.....*

*V3 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  
 This blessed babe to find.  
 O tidings of comfort and joy,.....*

*V4 But when to Bethlehem they came  
 Whereat this infant lay,  
 They found Him in a manger,  
 Where oxen feed on hay;  
 His Mother Mary kneeling down,  
 Unto the Lord did pray.  
 O tidings of comfort and joy,.....*

### 3. The First Nowell

V1. The first Nowell the angels did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields  
as they lay,  
In fields where they lay a keeping their  
sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so  
deep.

*Nowell Nowell Nowell Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel!*

v.2 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.

*Nowell Nowell Nowell Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel!*

v.3 And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far,  
To seek for a King was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

*Nowell Nowell Nowell Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel!*

V.4 Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heaven and earth of  
naught  
And with his blood mankind hath  
bought.

*Nowell Nowell Nowell Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel!*

### 4. Silent Night

V1. 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

V2. Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ, the Saviour is born  
Christ, the Saviour is born

V3. 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 "



## 5. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

- V1. Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new born king;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled;  
Joyful all ye 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!*
- V2. 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 Emmanuel:  
*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new born king!*
- V3. 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  
Glory to the new born king!*

## 6. Away in a Manger

- V1. 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
- V2. The cattle are lowing, the baby  
awakes,  
The 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.
- V3. 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 is for heaven to live with  
thee there.



## 7. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer  
Had a very shiny nose,  
And if you ever saw it,  
You would even say it glows.  
All of the other reindeer  
Used to laugh and call him names;  
They never let poor Rudolph  
Join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve,  
Santa came to say,  
Rudolph with your nose so bright,  
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?

Then how the reindeer loved him  
As they shouted out with glee,  
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,  
You'll go down in history.



## 8. While Shepherds Watched

V1. While shepherds watched their flocks  
by night  
All seated on the ground  
The angel of the Lord came down  
and glory shone around

V2. 'Fear not', said he, (for mighty  
dread had seized their troubled mind)  
'glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.

V3. '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:

V4. 'The heavenly babe you there shall  
find to human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing  
bands and in a manger laid'.

V5. Thus spake the seraph and  
forthwith appeared a shining throng  
Of angels, praising God, who thus  
Addressed their joyful song:

V6. 'All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace!  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to  
men  
Begin and never cease.

## 9. The Twelve Days of Christmas

On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Christmas, my true love  
sent to me        A partridge in a pear tree

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day ..... 2 turtle doves

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day ..... 3 French hens

On the 4<sup>th</sup> day ..... 4 calling birds

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day ..... 5 gold rings

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day ..... 6 geese a laying

On the 7<sup>th</sup> day ..... 7 swans a swimming

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day ..... 8 maids a milking

On the 9<sup>th</sup> day ..... 9 ladies dancing

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day ..... 10 lords a leaping

On the 11 day ..... 11 pipers piping

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas my true love  
sent to me:

12 drummers drumming

11 pipers piping

10 lords a leaping

9 ladies dancing

8 maids a milking

7 swans a swimming

6 geese a laying

5 gold rings

4 calling birds

3 French hens

2 turtle doves

And a partridge in a pear tree!



## 10. White Christmas

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,  
just like the ones I used to know  
Where the treetops glisten and children  
listen to hear sleigh bells in the snow

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas,  
with every Christmas card I write  
May your days be merry and bright,  
and may all your Christmases be white



**11. O Come all ye Faithful**

V1. 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

V2. God of God,  
Light of light,  
Lo he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten not created:  
O come let us adore him etc.

V3. See how the shepherds,  
Summoned to his cradle  
Leaving their flocks draw nigh with  
lowly fear;  
We too will thither bend our joyful  
footsteps.  
O come let us adore him etc.

V4. Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above  
Glory to God  
In the highest  
O come let us adore him etc.

**12. We wish you a Merry  
Christmas**

We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a Happy new Year

Now bring us some figgy pudding  
Now bring us some figgy pudding  
Now bring us some figgy pudding  
And bring some out here

Good tidings we bring to you and your  
kin  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year

And we won't go, till we've got some  
And we won't go till we've got some  
And we won't go till we've got some  
So bring some out here.

Good tidings we bring to you and your  
kin  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a  
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