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Christmas Song Book

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27 Silent Night

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

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

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

26 We three Kings

We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star

*O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign

Chorus

Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising, Worship Him, God most high

Chorus

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume, Breathes of life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

Chorus

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia, Earth to heav'n replies

Chorus

1 O Come all ye faithful

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

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God
Glory in the highest
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born on Christmas morning
Jesus to Thee be the glory given
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord.

2 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 angel singing
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
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....

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers,
May you beautifully rhyme
Your eve'time song, ye singers
Gloria

25 Hark the Herald

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 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 the Virgin's womb
Hail the Flesh, the God Head 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

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Son 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

24 O little town

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

For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep, Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And Peace to men on earth

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 souls 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 to us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

3 The first Noel

The First Noel, the Angels 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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel!

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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both Pause and stay
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind has bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel!

4 Santa baby

Santa baby, slip a sable under the tree for me
 Been an awful good girl
Santa baby, and hurry down the chimney tonight
Santa baby, an auto space convertible too, light blue
 I'll wait up for you, dear
Santa baby, and hurry down the chimney tonight

 Think of all the fun I've missed
 Think of all the fellas that I haven't kissed
Next year I could be also good. If you'll check off my Christmas list

Santa honey, I want a yacht and really that's not a lot
 Been an angel all year
Santa baby, and hurry down the chimney tonight
Santa cutie, there's one thing I really do need, the deed
 To a platinum mine
Santa cutie, and hurry down the chimney tonight

Santa baby, and fill my stocking with a duplex and checks
 Sign your 'x' on the line
Santa baby, and hurry down the chimney tonight

 Come and trim my Christmas tree
 With some decorations bought at Tiffany
I really do believe in you. Let's see if you believe in me
Santa baby, forgot to mention one little thing, a ring
 I don't mean on the phone
Santa baby, and hurry down the chimney tonight
Hurry down the chimney tonight . Hurry, tonight

23 Santa Claus is coming to town

 Chorus:
*You better watch out
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town*

 He's making a list
 And checking it twice
He's gonna find out who's naughty or nice
Santa Claus is coming to town

 He sees you when you're sleeping
 He knows when you're awake
He knows if you've been bad or good
So be good for goodness sake

Repeat Chorus

 He sees you when you're sleeping
 He knows when you're awake
He knows if you've been bad or good
So be good for goodness sake

Repeat Chorus

22 It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Everywhere you go
Take a look in the five and ten glistening once again
With candy canes and silver lanes aglow
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Toys in every store
But the prettiest sight to see, is the holly that will be
On your own front door

A pair of hop-along boots and a pistol that shoots
Is the wish of Barney and Ben
Dolls that will talk and will go for a walk
Is the hope of Janice and Jen
And Mom and Dad can hardly wait for school to start again

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Everywhere you go
There's a tree in the Grand Hotel, one in the park as well
The sturdy kind that doesn't mind the snow

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Soon the bells will start
And the thing that will make them ring, is the carol that you sing
Right within your heart
Right within your heart

5 Happy Christmas (War is over)

So this is Xmas, And what have you done
Another year over, And a new one just begun
And so this is Xmas, I hope you have fun
The near and the dear one, The old and the young

*A very Merry Xmas
And a happy New Year
Let's hope it's a good one
Without any fear*

And so this is Xmas (war is over)
For weak and for strong (if you want it)
For rich and the poor ones (war is over)
The world is so wrong (now)
And so happy Xmas (war is over)
For black and for white (if you want it)
For yellow and red ones (war is over)
Let's stop all the fight (now)
Chorus

And so this is Xmas (war is over)
And what have we done (if you want it)
Another year over (war is over)
A new one just begun (now)
And so happy Xmas (war is over)
We hope you have fun (if you want it)
The near and the dear one (war is over)
The old and the young (now)
Chorus

6 While Shepherds Watched

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," he said, For mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds
"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
The Savior who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign."

"The heavenly Babe You there shall find
To human view displayed
And meanly wrapped In swathing bands
And in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph, And forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song

"All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth From heaven to men
Begin and never cease
Begin and never cease!"

20 We wish you a merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas x 3
And a happy New Year.

*Good tidings we bring To you and your kin;
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a happy New Year!*

So Bring us some figgy pudding x 3
And a cup of good cheer

CHORUS

We won't go until we get some x 3
So bring it out here!

CHORUS

21 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 you lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me lord Jesus ask you to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

18 Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas
My true love gave to me
A partridge in a pear tree.

Two turtle doves
Three French hens,
Four colly birds,
Five golden rings,
Six geese a-laying,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Eight maids a-milking,
Nine ladies dancing,
Ten lords a-leaping,
Eleven pipers piping,
Twelve drummers drumming

19 I saw three ships

I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day in the morning

And what was in those ships all three

Our saviour Christ and His lady

And all the bells on earth shall sing

And let us all rejoice and sing

7 God rest ye merry gentlemen

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our savior
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly father
The blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name (Refrain)

8 Jingle Bells

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh Oh
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
Over fields we go, laughing all the way (ha ha ha)
Bells on bob tail ring, making spirits bright.
Oh What fun it is to ride & sing a song tonight! (Refrain)

A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride
And soon Miss Fanny Bright was seated by my side;
The horse was lean and lank. Misfortune seemed his lot,
We ran into a drifted bank and there we got upsot. (Refrain)

9 Joy to the world

Joy to the world the Lord is come,
Let earth receive her king
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world the savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love
And wonders of his love
And wonders, and wonders of his love

17 Do you hear what I hear?

Do you hear what I hear?
Said the night wind to the little lamb
Do you see what I see?
(Do you see what I see?)
Way up in the sky, little lamb
Do you see what I see?
(Do you see what I see?)
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite
Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear?
(Do you hear what I hear?)
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear?
(Do you hear what I hear?)
A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea
Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king
Do you know what I know? (Do you know what I know?)
In your palace warm, mighty king
Do you know what I know? (Do you know what I know?)
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold
Let us bring him silver and gold
Said the king to the people everywhere
Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)
Pray for peace, people, everywhere
Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light

16 Oh Christmas tree

○ Christmas tree, ○ Christmas tree
Thy leaves are so unchanging
○ Christmas tree, ○ Christmas tree
Thy leaves are so unchanging
Your boughs are green in summer's glow,
And do not fade in winter's snow.
○ Christmas tree, ○ Christmas tree
Thy leaves are so unchanging

○ Christmas tree, ○ Christmas tree
Much pleasure do you bring me
○ Christmas tree, ○ Christmas tree
Much pleasure do you bring me
For ev'ry year the Christmas tree
Brings to us all both joy and glee
○ Christmas tree, ○ Christmas tree
Much pleasure do you bring me.

10 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 on snow
In the bleak midwinter
Long, long ago

Angels and Archangels
May have traveled there
Cherubim and Seraphim
Thronged the air
But only his Mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshiped the beloved
With a kiss

What can I give him?
Poor as I am
If I were a shepherd
I would give a lamb
If I were a wise man
I would do my part
But what I can I give him
Give him my heart
Give him my heart

11 Once in Royal David's city

Once in royal Davids 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.

For He is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day, like us, He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles, like us He knew;
And He cares when we are sad,
And he shares when we are glad.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above:
And He leads His children on,
To the place where He is gone.

15 O Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
O night, O holy night, O night divine.

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming;
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand:
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here come the wise men from Orient land,
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;
He knows our need, To our weakness no stranger!
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King! your King! before him bend!

14 Mary's boy child

Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible said
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day
Hark, now hear the angels sing, a king was born today
And man will live for evermore, because of Christmas Day

While shepherds watch their flocks by night
They see a bright new shining star
They hear a choir sing a song, the music come from afar
Hark, now hear the angels sing, a king was born today
And man will live for evermore, because of Christmas Day
because of Christmas Day

Now Joseph and his wife Mary Come to Bethlehem that night
And find no place to borne she child Not a single room was in sight
Hark, now hear the angels sing, a king was born today
And man will live for evermore, because of Christmas Day

By and by they find a little nook In a stable all forlorn
And in a manger cold and dark Mary's little boy was born
Hark, now hear the angels sing, a king was born today
And man will live for evermore, because of Christmas Day

12 Deck the Hall

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 Yuletide treasure *Fa la la la la la la la la*

Fast away the old year passes *Fa la la la la, la la la la*
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses *Fa la la la la, la la la la*
Sing we joyous, all together *Fa la la la la, la la la la*
Heedless of the wind and weather *Fa la la la la, la la la la*

13 Good King Wenceslas

ALL

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
Gath'ring winter fuel

GENTS

"Hither, page, and stand by me
If thou know'st it, telling
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"

LADIES

"Sire, he lives a good league hence
Underneath the mountain
Right against the forest fence
By Saint Agnes' fountain."

GENTS

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine
Bring me pine logs hither
Thou and I will see him dine
When we bear him thither."

ALL

Page and monarch forth they went
Forth they went together
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather

LADIES

"Sire, the night is darker now
And the wind blows stronger
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer."

MEN

"Mark my footsteps, my good page
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

ALL

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