

Christmas Carol Sing for 12/20 – ALL OF THESE CAROLS ARE PUBLIC DOMAIN

Once in Royal David's City – ELW 269 vs. 1, 2

- 1 Once in royal David's 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.
- 2 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 meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

On Christmas Night – ELW 274 vs. 1, 4

- 1 On Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring.
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to hear the news the angels bring:
news of great joy, news of great mirth,
news of our merciful king's birth.
- 4 All out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night.
All out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God in highest heav'n;
peace on earth, and goodwill. Amen."

O Little Town of Bethlehem – ELW 279 vs. 1, 2

- 1 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.
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary,
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all the earth!

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear – ELW 282 vs. 1, 4

- 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 all,

from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

- 4 For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

In the Bleak Midwinter – ELW 294 vs. 1, 3

- 1 In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.

- 3 What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—
give my heart.

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child – ELW 297

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;
new life, new hope the child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing:
"Glory, glory, glory," let the heavens ring!

REPEAT

The First Noel – ELW 300 vs. 1, 2

- 1 The first Noel the angel 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.

Refrain

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

- 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.

Refrain

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

Silent Night – 281 vs 1, 2, 3

- 1 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.
- 2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Joy to the World – 267 vs. 1, 4

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 4 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, wonders of his love.

Don't Come, All Ye Faithful (A Pandemic Carol) – *Sung by Meghan*

Don't come, all ye faithful,
Quarantined and distanced.
Don't come, friends and relatives
To visit it God's house.
Stay home! We'll text you, video or voice chat.

Refrain

Don't come show love before Him.
Don't come, but still adore Him.
The birth has been recorded of
Christ the Lord.

No choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
At least not in person.
Only humming allowed.

Stay social distanced, masks and
Shields required.

Refrain

We'll watch and we'll adore you,
In jammies, socks and boxers,
No disrespect, just COVID
Pro-o-tocals.

Refrain

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Christ the Lord.

Rev. Kate Titsworth, November 2020.