

# Ditchling Boxing Day

## ❄ Pub Carols ❄

### ❄ Angels From the Realms of Glory ❄

#### **Introduction**

Angels from the realms of Glory  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth  
*Gloria, In excelsis Deo*  
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Shepherds, in the fields abiding  
Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with man is now residing  
Yonder shines the infant light  
*Gloria, ...*

Sages, leave your contemplations  
Brighter visions beam afar  
Seek the great Desire of nations  
Ye have seen his natal star  
*Gloria, ...*

### ❄ Awake, Arise Good Christians ❄

#### **Introduction**

Awake, arise good Christians, let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Saviour was born upon this day  
The self-same moon was shining that now is in the sky  
When a holy band of angels came down from God on high  
*Hosannah, Hosannah, to Jesus we'll sing*  
*Hosannah, Hosannah, our Saviour and King*

*When the beer is on the table, when the beer is on the table*  
*When the beer is on the table*  
*When the beer is on the table I'll be there*

'Fear not, we bring good tidings, for on this happy morn  
The promised one, the Saviour, In Bethlehem's town was born'  
Up rose the simple shepherds, all with a joyful mind  
'Then let us go in haste' they say, 'This Holy Child to find'  
*Hosannah, Hosannah, ...*

#### **Instrumental**

And like unto the shepherds, we wander far and near  
And bid you wake, good Christians, the joyful news to hear  
Awake, arise good Christians, let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Saviour was born upon this day  
*Hosannah, Hosannah, ...*

❄ Be Merry All (The Ditchling Carol) ❄

**Introduction**

*Be merry all, be merry all, with holly dress the festive hall  
Prepare the song, the feast, the ball, to welcome merry Christmas*

And oh, remember gentles gay  
For you who bask in fortunes ray  
The year is all our holiday  
The poor have only Christmas

*Be merry all, be merry all, ...*

When you with velvets mantled o'er  
Defy December's tempest roar  
Oh, spare one garment from your store  
To clothe the poor at Christmas

*Be merry all, be merry all, ...*

From blazing loads of fuel awhile  
Your homes are within summer smile  
Oh, spare one faggot from your pile  
To warm the poor at Christmas

*Be merry all, be merry all, ...*

When you the costly banquet deal  
To guests who never famine feel  
Oh, spare one morsel from the meal  
To feed the poor at Christmas

*Be merry all, be merry all, ...*

When gen'rous wine your care controls  
And gives new joy to happier souls  
Oh, spare one goblet from your bowls  
To cheer the poor at Christmas

*Be merry all, be merry all, ...*

So shall each note of mirth appear  
More sweet to heaven than praise or prayer  
And angels in their carols there  
Shall bless the poor at Christmas

*Be merry all, be merry all, ...*

❄ Deck the Halls ❄

**Introduction**

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  
Strike the harp and join the chorus  
Follow me in merry measure  
While I tell of Yuletide treasure

***Instrumental***

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

❄ Ding Dong Merrily on High ❄

**Introduction**

Ding dong merrily on high, in heav'n the bells are ringing

Ding dong verily the sky, is riv'n with angels singing

*Gloria, hosanna in excelsis*

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E'en so here below below, let steeple bells be swungen

And i-o i-o i-o, by priest and people sung: *Gloria, ...*

Pray you dutifully prime, your matin chime, ye ringers  
May you beautifully rhyme, your e'entime song, ye singers: *Gloria, ...*

❄ The First Nowell ❄

**Introduction**

The First Nowell, 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  
*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, 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, *Nowell, nowell...*

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, *Nowel, nowell...*

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, *Nowell, nowell...*

Then entered in those Wise Men three  
Full reverently upon their knee  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense, *Nowell, nowell...*

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praise to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought  
And with his blood mankind has bought, *Nowell, nowell...*

❄ God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen ❄

**Introduction**

God rest ye merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay  
For Christ our royal saviour was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's power when we had gone astray  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy*  
*O tidings of comfort and joy*

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...*

"Go, fear not", said God's angels, "let nothing you affright  
For there is born in Bethlehem of a pure Virgin bright  
One able to advance you And throw down Satan quite"  
*O tidings...*

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  
*O tidings...*

And when they came to Bethlehem where our dear Saviour lay  
They found Him in a manger where oxen feed on hay  
His Mother Mary kneeling down unto the Lord did pray  
*O tidings...*

With sudden joy and gladness the shepherds were beguiled  
To see the Babe of Israel before his mother mild  
Of them with joy and cheerfulness rejoice each mother's child  
*O tidings....*

❄ Good King Wenceslas ❄

**Introduction**

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

"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 St. Agnes Fountain"

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither  
Thou and I will see him dine when we bear him 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 rank possessing  
Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing

❄ Hark the Herald Angels Sing ❄

**Introduction**

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*

Christ by highest heav'n 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! ...*

Hail the heav'n-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 Holly and the Ivy ❄

**Introduction**

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown  
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown  
*O, the rising of the sun  
And the running of the deer  
The playing of the merry organ  
Sweet singing in the choir*

The holly bears a blossom, as white as lily flower  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Saviour,  
*O, the rising...*

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good,  
*O, the rising...*

The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn,  
*O, the rising...*

The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all,  
*O, the rising...*

The holly and the ivy, now they are both full grown  
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown,  
*O, the rising...*

❄ I Saw Three Ships ❄

**Introduction**

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

Pray whither sailed those ships all three

O they sailed into Bethlehem

And all the bells on earth shall ring

And all the angels in heaven shall sing

And all the souls on earth shall sing

Then let us all rejoice again

❄ In the Bleak Midwinter ❄

**Introduction**

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 long ago

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign  
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ

Angels and archangels may have gathered there  
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air  
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss

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 can I give Him? Give my heart.

❄ Jingle Bells ❄

**Introduction**

Dashing through the snow  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way (*Ha ha ha*)  
Bells on bobtails ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
A sleighing song tonight

*Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh*

**Instrumental**

*Jingle bells, jingle bells, ...*

❄ O Come All Ye Faithful ❄

**Introduction**

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*

God of God, Light of Light  
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb  
Very God, begotten not created, *O come...*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation  
Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy word  
Give to our Father glory in the Highest, *O come...*

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning  
Jesu, to thee be glory given  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing, *O come...*



❄ O Little Town of Bethlehem ❄

**Introduction**

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

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

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

❄ Once In Royal David's City ❄

**Introduction**

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

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

And through all his wondrous childhood, he would honour and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly Maiden in whose gentle arms he lay  
Christian children all must be, mild, obedient, good as he.

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.

❄ Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer ❄

**Introduction**

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!

***Instrumental***

*Then one foggy Christmas Eve ...*

❄ The Sans Day Carol ❄

**Introduction**

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk  
And Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk  
*And Mary bore Jesus our Saviour for to be*  
*And the first tree in the greenwood it was the holly, holly, holly!*  
*And the first tree in the greenwood it was the holly*

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross, *And Mary...*

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all, *And Mary...*

***Instrumental***

Now the holly bears a berry as blood is it red  
Then trust we our Saviour who rose from the dead, *And Mary...*

❄ See Amid the Winter's Snow ❄

**Introduction**

See amid the winter's snow  
Born for us on earth below  
See the tender lamb appears  
Promised from eternal years

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing throughout Jerusalem,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

Lo, within a manger lies  
He who built the starry skies  
He who throned in height sublime  
Sits amid the cherubim!  
*Hail, ...*

Say, ye holy shepherds, say  
What your joyful news today?  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
On the lonely mountain steep  
*Hail, ...*

As we watched at dead of night  
Lo, we saw a wondrous light  
Angels singing "Peace on earth"  
Told us of the Saviour's birth  
*Hail, ...*

❄ Shepherd's Arise ❄

**Introduction**

Shepherds arise, be not afraid  
With hasty steps prepare  
To David's city, sin on earth  
With our bless'd infant there  
With our bless'd infant there  
With our bless'd infant there

*Sing, sing all earth  
Sing, sing all earth eternal  
Praises sing, to our redeemer  
To our redeemer  
And our heavenly king*

Laid in a manger, viewed a child  
Humility divine  
Sweet innocence and meek and mild  
Grace in his features shine  
Grace in his features shine  
Grace in his features shine, *Sing, sing...*

For us a saviour came on earth  
For us his life he gave  
To save us from eternal death  
And raise us from the grave  
To raise us from the grave  
To raise us from the grave, *Sing, sing...*

❄ Silent Night ❄

**Introduction**

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 the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

❄ The Sussex Carol ❄

**Introduction**

On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring  
On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring  
News of great joy, news of great mirth  
News of our merciful King's birth

Then why should men on earth be so sad  
Since our Redeemer made us glad?  
Then why should men on earth be so sad  
Since our Redeemer made us glad?  
When from our sin he set us free  
All for to gain our liberty

When sin departs before His grace  
Then life and health come in its place  
When sin departs before His grace  
Then life and health come in its place  
Angels and men with joy may sing  
All for to see the new-born King

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 and peace to men  
Now and for evermore, Amen."

## ❄ Twelve Days of Christmas ❄

### **Introduction**

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

On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree

On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Three French hens, Two...

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Four calling birds, Three...

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Five gold rings, Four...

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Six geese a-laying, Five...

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Seven swans a-swimming, Six...

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Eight maids a-milking, Seven...

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Nine ladies dancing, Eight...

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Ten lords a-leaping, Nine...

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Eleven pipers piping, Ten...

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me  
Twelve drummers drumming, Eleven...

## ❄ We Three Kings ❄

### **Introduction**

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 light, 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,  
*O star...*

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh  
Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship Him, God most high  
*O star...*

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume, breathes of life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb,  
*O star...*

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia, alleluia, earth to heaven replies,  
*O star...*

❄ We Wish You a Merry Christmas ❄

**Introduction**

We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!

*Glad tidings we bring, to you and your kin  
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 a cup of good cheer! *Glad tidings...*

For we all like a figgy pudding  
For we all like a figgy pudding  
For we all like a figgy pudding  
So bring it right here! *Glad tidings...*

And we won't go until we've got some  
And we won't go until we've got some  
And we won't go until we've got some  
So bring some out here! *Glad tidings...*

❄ While Shepherds Watched (Cranbrook) ❄

**Introduction**

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

Fear not said he for mighty dread, mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled minds  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind, to you and all mankind  
To you and all mankind

To you in David's town this day, town this day  
Is born of David's line  
A Saviour who is Christ the Lord  
A Saviour who is Christ the Lord  
And this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign  
And this shall be the sign

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

❄ While Shepherds Watched (Hail Chime On) ❄

**Introduction**

While shepherds watched their flocks by night  
All seated on, all on the ground  
The angel of the Lord came down  
And glory shone around

*Hail, chime on chime on*  
*Merry, merry Christmas bells chime on.*  
*Hail, chime on chime on*  
*Merry, merry Christmas bells chime on.*

"Fear not", said he, for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled, troubled minds  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind", *Hail, chime on...*

"To you in David's Town this day  
Is born of David's, David's line,  
The Saviour who is Christ the Lord  
And this shall be the sign", *Hail, chime on...*

"All glory be to God on high  
And to the earth, the earth be peace  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease", *Hail, chime on...*

❄ While Shepherds Watched (Sweet Chiming Bells) ❄

**Introduction**

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

*Sweet bells, Sweet Chiming Christmas bells*  
*Sweet Bells, Sweet Chiming Christmas bells*  
*They cheer us on our Heavenly way, Sweet chiming bells.*

"Fear not," said he for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled minds  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind", *Sweet bells...*

"To you in David's Town this day  
Is born of David's line  
The Saviour who is Christ the Lord  
And this shall be the sign", *Sweet bells...*

All glory be to God on high  
And to the earth be peace  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease, *Sweet bells...*

**Instrumental**

*Sweet bells, ...*