

Ditchling Boxing Day

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※ 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
Gloria, In excelsis Deo

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
Hosanah, Hosanah, to Jesus we'll sing
Hosanah, Hosanah, 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'
Hosanah, Hosanah, ...

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

Hosanah, Hosanah, ...
※ 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
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis

E'en so here below below, let steeple bells be swungen
And i-o i-o i-o, by priest and people sungen: *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

○ 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.

✽ Rolling Downward ✽

Introduction

Rolling downward, through the midnight, comes a glorious burst of heavenly song,
'Tis a chorus fully of greatness, and the singers are an angel throng

*Glory, glory in the highest! On the earth goodwill and peace to men!
Down the ages, send the echo, let the glad earth shout again.*

Wondering shepherds see the glory, hear the words the shining ones declare,
At the manger fall in worship, while the music fills the quivering air, *Glory, glory...*

Instrumental Verse

Glory, glory...

Christ the Saviour, God's anointed, comes to earth a fearful debt to pay,
Child of Mary, Man of sorrows, Lamb of God that takes our sins away, *Glory, glory...*

*Let the glad earth shout again,
Let the glad earth shout again!*

⌘ 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, ...