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## See Him Lying On A Bed Of Straw (Calypso Carol)

See Him lying on a bed of straw  
A draughty stable with an open door  
Mary cradling the babe she bore  
The Prince of glory is His name

*O now carry me to Bethlehem  
To see the Lord of love again  
Just as poor as was the stable then  
The Prince of glory when He came*

Star of silver sweep across the skies  
Show where Jesus in the manger lies  
Shepherds swiftly from your stupor rise  
To see the Saviour of the world

*O now carry me...*

Angels sing again the song you sang  
Sing the glory of God's gracious plan  
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can  
Be the Saviour of us all

*O now carry me...*

Mine are riches from Your poverty  
From Your innocence eternity  
Mine forgiveness by Your death for me  
Child of sorrow for my joy

*O now carry me...*

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# 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 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 Thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh

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 us for heaven to live with Thee there

CCLI Song #38583

James Ramsey Murray, John Thomas McFarland, Martin Luther

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# Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With th'angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem

*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King*

Christ by highest heaven adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel

*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n 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 newborn King*

CCLI Song #27738

Charles Wesley, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

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# Joy To The World

Joy to the world the Lord has come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world the Saviour 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

CCLI Song # 24016

George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts

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## **Good King Wenceslas** (selected verses)

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 Saint Agnes' fountain

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John Mason Neale  
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# 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 said he for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind  
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  
A Saviour who is Christ the Lord  
And this shall be the sign

The heavenly babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed  
All meanly wrapped in swaddling 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 on the earth be peace  
Goodwill hence forth  
From heaven to men  
Begin and never cease

CCLI Song # 2088730

George Kirbye | Nahum Tate

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# 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  
Heav'nly 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

CCLI Song # 27862

Franz Xaver Gruber | John Freeman Young | Joseph Mohr

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# 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

*O star of wonder...*

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

*O star of wonder...*

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

*O star of wonder...*

Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and sacrifice  
Alleluia alleluia  
Peals through the earth and skies

*O star of wonder...*

## **O Come All Ye Faithful** (selected verses)

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 X3  
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above  
Glory to God  
In the highest

O come...

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be glory given  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing  
O come...

CCLI Song # 4758525

C. Frederick Oakeley | John Francis Wade | William Henry Monk

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# Go Tell It On The Mountain

*Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born*

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light

*Go tell it...*

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Saviour's birth

*Go tell it...*

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn

*Go tell it...*

CCLI Song # 29080

John W. Work Jr.

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# God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

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*

In Bethlehem in Jewry  
This blessed Babe was born  
And laid within a manger  
Upon this blessed morn  
The which His mother Mary  
Did nothing take in scorn

*O tidings of comfort...*

Now to the Lord sing praises  
All you within this place  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All others doth deface

*O tidings of comfort...*

CCLI Song # 39441

Unknown

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# 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 angels 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 hosanna in excelsis  
Gloria hosanna in excelsis

Pray you dutifully prime  
Your matin chime ye ringers  
May you beautifully rhyme  
Your eve time song ye singers  
Gloria hosanna in excelsis  
Gloria hosanna in excelsis

CCLI Song # 1145671

George Ratcliffe Woodward | Thoinot Arbeau

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# **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  
Glad tidings we bring  
To you and your kin  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year

CCLI Song # 7032703

Rend Collective | Unknown

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# **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  
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

CCLI Song # 7153929

John F. Hudson | Unknown

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# The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy  
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy  
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy  
And they said that His name was Jesus

*He come from the glory  
He come from the glorious kingdom  
He come from the glory  
He come from the glorious kingdom  
Oh yes believer oh yes believer  
He come from the glory  
He come from the glorious kingdom*

The angels sang when the baby was born  
The angels sang when the baby was born  
The angels sang when the baby was born  
And proclaimed Him the Saviour Jesus

*He come from the glory...*

The wise men saw where the baby was born  
The wise men saw where the baby was born  
The wise men saw where the baby was born  
And they saw that His name was Jesus

*He come from the glory...*

CCLI Song # 4756091

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## ○ Little Town of Bethlehem (selected verses)

○ 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

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

○ holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
○ come to us abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel

CCLI Song # 1741697

Phillips Brooks

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# Jingle Bells

*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*

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

*Jingle bells, jingle bells...*

Now the ground is white  
Go it while you're young  
Take the girls tonight  
And sing this sleighing song  
Just get a bob-tailed bay  
Two-forty for his speed  
Then hitch him to an open sleigh  
And crack you'll take the lead

*Jingle bells, jingle bells...*

# Little Donkey

Little donkey, little donkey  
On the dusty road  
Gotta keep on plodding onward  
With your precious load

Been a long time little donkey  
Through the winters night  
Don't give up now little donkey  
Bethlehem's in sight

Ring out those bells tonight  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem  
Follow that little star tonight  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem  
Little donkey, little donkey  
Had a heavy day  
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way

Eric Bowell

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**Thank you for joining us**

*Merry  
and Bright* at

**Ainsdale Village Church**



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### **Nativity Trail & Coffee Morning**

Follow the trail around the garden and explore the Christmas story. Then warm up inside with a hot drink and free activities. Open to all ages.

**11 AM - 1 PM**

### **The Longest Night Service**

A reflective service to take a moment to stop and remember. Particularly for those who find the festive period difficult.

**4 PM**

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### **Carols by Candlelight**

An evening of traditional carols and readings. Followed by refreshments.

**7 PM**

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### **Christingle**

The one with the orange. A wonderful way to start Christmas.

**4 PM**



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