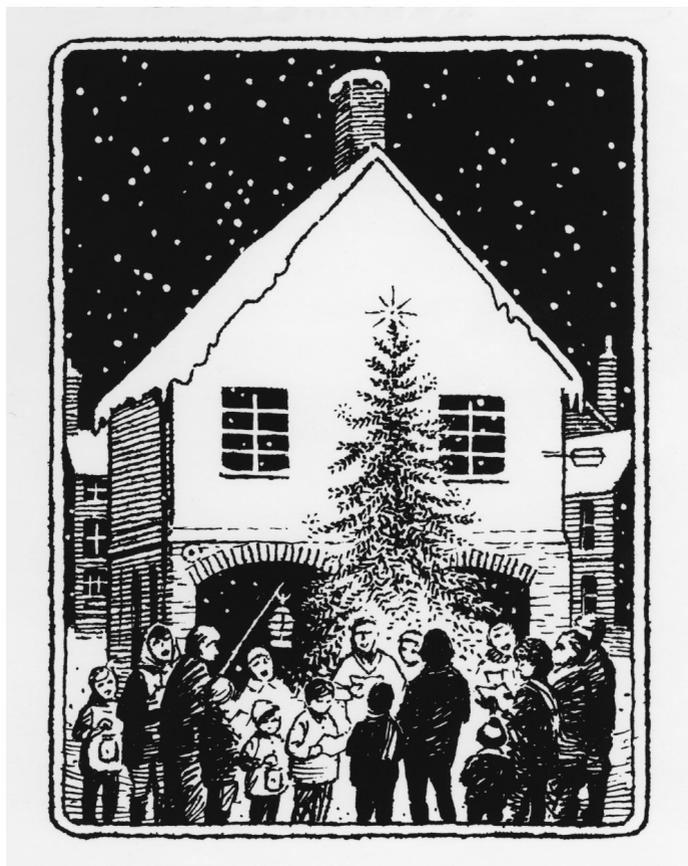


# Christmas Eve Carols



**Market Place, Deddington  
6pm**



- 1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night  
All seated on the ground  
The Angel of the Lord came down  
And glory shone around.**
- 2. 'Fear not' said he (for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind),  
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.**
- 3. 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.**
- 4. The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,  
And in a manger laid.'**
- 5. Thus spake the seraph and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of Angels, praising God, who thus  
Addressed their joyful song.**
- 6. 'All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease.'**

1. **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.***
  
2. **Christ, by highest heaven 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! the herald-angels ...***
  
3. **Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun 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 ...***



1. **God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas Day,  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r  
When we were gone astray;  
*O tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy***
  
2. **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 ...***
  
3. **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 ...***
  
4. **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 ...***

5. 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 other doth deface,  
*O tidings ...*



1. 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!*
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.  
*Nowell, Nowell...*
3. 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.  
*Nowell, Nowell...*
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay,  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.  
*Nowell, Nowell...*

5. 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...*
6. Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
Who hath made heaven and earth of nought  
And with his blood mankind hath bought.  
*Nowell, Nowell...*



1. 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.
2. And what was in those ships all three  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day?  
And what was in those ships all three  
On Christmas day in the morning?
3. Our Saviour Christ and His lady  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;  
Our Saviour Christ and His lady  
On Christmas day in the morning.
4. Pray, whither sailed those ships all three  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;  
Pray, whither sailed those ships all three  
On Christmas day in the morning?

5. O they sailed into Bethlehem  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;  
O they sailed into Bethlehem  
On Christmas day in the morning
6. And all the bells on earth shall ring,  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;  
And all the bells on earth shall ring  
On Christmas day in the morning.



1. 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.
2. 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 side until morning is nigh.
3. 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.



1. 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  
Gathering winter fuel.

2. '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.'
3. 'Bring me flesh and bring me wine,  
Bring me pine-logs hither;  
Thou and I will see him dine,  
When we bear them thither.'  
Page and monarch, forth they went,  
Forth they went together,  
Through the rude wind's wild lament  
And the bitter weather.
4. 'Sire, the night is darker now,  
And the storm blows stronger;  
Fails my heart, I know not how,  
I can go no longer.'  
'Mark my footsteps, good my page,  
Tread thou in them boldly;  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage  
Freeze thy blood less coldly.'
5. 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.

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 mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour Holy.**
3. **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.**
4. **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 feeleth for our sadness,  
And He shareth in our gladness.**
5. **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.**

1. 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*

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

*O star of wonder...*

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

*O star of wonder...*

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

*O star of wonder...*

5. Glorious now, behold Him arise,  
King, and God, and sacrifice  
Heaven sings alleluya  
Alleluya the earth replies.

*O star of wonder...*

1. **Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart, and soul, and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
News! News!  
Jesus Christ is born today  
Ox and ass before Him bow;  
And He is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!**
  
2. **Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Joy! Joy!  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath oped the heav'nly door,  
And man is blessed evermore  
Christ was born for this!**
  
3. **Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave;  
Peace! Peace!  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all,  
To gain His everlasting hall:  
Christ was born to save!**

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 the dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.**
2. **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.**
3. **How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessing 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.**
4. **O 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  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.**

1. 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!*
  
2. God of God  
Light of Light,  
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created:  
*O come, let us Adore Him ...*
  
3. Sing, choirs of Angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above  
'Glory to God  
In the highest'.  
*O come, let us adore Him ...*
  
4. 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, let us adore Him ...*

 **13** 

- 1. Dashing through the snow  
In a one horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way,  
Bells on bobtail ring  
Making all things bright  
Oh! What fun to laugh and sing  
A sleighing song tonight.**
- 2. 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.**

 **14** 

- 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  
Heaven host sing Alleluia,  
Christ, the Saviour, is born!  
Christ, the Saviour, is born!**

3. **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



15

1. **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.  
*The rising of the sun,*  
*And the running of the deer,*  
*The playing of the merry organ,*  
*Sweet singing in the choir*
2. **The holly bears a blossom,**  
As white as the lily flower;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
To be our sweet Saviour  
*The rising of the sun ...*
3. **The holly bears a berry,**  
As red as any blood;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
For to do us sinners good.  
*The rising of the sun ...*
4. **The holly bears a prickle,**  
As sharp as any thorn;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
On Christmas day in the morn.  
*The rising of the sun ...*

5. The holly bears a bark,  
As bitter as any gall;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
For to redeem us all.

*The rising of the sun ...*



1. We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year.
2. Good tidings we bring  
To you and your kin  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year.



1. 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 through all Jerusalem,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*
2. Lo! within a manger lies  
He who built the starry skies;  
He who throned in heights sublime,  
Sits amid the Cherubim.  
*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn ...*

3. **Say, ye holy shepherds, say  
What your joyful news to-day;  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
On the lonely mountain steep?  
*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn ...***
  
4. **'As we watched at dead of night,  
Lo! we saw a wondrous light;  
Angels, singing peace on earth,  
Told us of a Saviour's birth.  
*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn ...***
  
5. **Sacred Infant, all Divine,  
What a tender love was Thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss,  
Down to such a world as this.  
*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn ...***
  
6. **Teach, O teach us, Holy Child  
By Thy face so meek and mild,  
Teach us to resemble Thee  
In Thy sweet humility.  
*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn ...***



1. **On the twelfth day of Christmas  
My true love sent to me,  
Twelve drummers drumming,  
Eleven pipers piping,  
Ten lords a-leaping,  
Nine ladies dancing,  
Eight maids a-milking,  
Seven swans a-swimming,**

Six geese a-laying  
Five gold rings,  
Four calling birds,  
Three French hens,  
Two turtle doves,  
And a partridge in a pear tree.



19

1. Ding, dong, merrily on high,  
In heaven the bells are ringing  
Ding dong, verily the sky  
Is riv'n with angel-singing:  
*Gloria ... Hosanna in excelsis*
2. E'en so here below, below  
Let steeple bells be swungen  
And io, io, io  
By priest and people sungen:  
*Gloria ... Hosanna in excelsis*
3. Pray you, dutifully prime  
Your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rhyme  
Your evetime song, ye singers:  
*Gloria ... Hosanna in excelsis*



20

1. 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*

2. **Shepherds in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant Light:  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo***
  
3. **Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of Nations,  
Ye have seen his natal star:  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo***
  
4. **Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In his temple shall appear:  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo***
  
5. **Though an infant now we view him,  
He shall fill his Father's throne,  
Gather all the nations to him,  
Every knee shall then bow down:  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo***





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