



Carols

"Christmas Joy"

Brecksville UCC Christmas Pageant

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Oh Little Town of Bethlehem

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 wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing, and voices ring
With peace to all on earth.

(Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1868; words: Phillips Brooks, 1868; alt.)

Away in a Manger



1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky look down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
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.

(Music: Attrib. to James R. Murray, 1887; words: Anon., United States, 1885)



Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

1. 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!

2. Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

Risen with healing in his wings,
light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

(Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; words: Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.)

The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Refrain: 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. **(Refrain)**

(Music: Traditional English melody; words: English carol, 18th century)



We Three Kings

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

**Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright -
Westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.**

2. Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice,
Alleluia, alleluia, earth to the heav'ns replies: **(Refrain)**

(Music and Words: John Henry Hopkins, 1820-1891)



O Come, All Ye Faithful

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;

**Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.**

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest; **[Refrain]**

(Music: 18th century English melody; words: attrib. to John Francis Wade,
1711-1786)

Joy to the World!

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven
and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat,
repeat the sounding joy.

(Music: G. F. Handel, 1685-1759, adapt. and arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836; words:
Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.)