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choral stream

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## Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.

### **Refrain**

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
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Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?

### **Refrain**

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

### **Refrain**

# Coventry carol

Anonymous (tune 1591)

REFRAIN

Lul-ly, lul la, thou lit-tle ti-ny child, By by, lul ly lul lay. *Fine*

1. O sis-ters too, How may we do For to pre-serve this day? This  
2. He-rod, the king, In his rag-ing, Char-ged he hath this day His  
3. That woe is me, Poor child for thee! And ev-er morn and day, For

*D.C. al Fine*

poor young-ling, For whom we sing, By by, lul ly lul lay!  
men of might, In his own sight, All young chil-dren to slay.  
thy part-ing Nei-ther say nor sing By by, lul ly lul lay!

# Ding Dong! Merrily on High

Verse: Charles Wood  
Refrain: Carolyn Jennings

SOPRANO  
ALTO

Ding dong! Mer-ri - ly on high, in heav'n the bells are ring - ing!  
E'en so here be-low, be - low, let steep - le bells be swung - en,  
Pray you, du - ti - ful - ly prime your Mat - in chime, ye ring - ers;

TENOR  
BASS

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Ding dong! ver - i - ly the sky is riv'n with an - gels sing - ing.  
And i - o, i - o, i - o, by priest and peo - ple sung - en.  
May you beau - ti - ful - ly rime your Eve - time Song ye sing - ers:

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Glo - ry, ho - san - na, Glo - ry, ho - san - na,  
Glo - ri - a, Glo - ri - a, Sing hos - san - na, Glo - ri - a,

Glo - ry, ho - san - na, Glo - ry, ho - san - na,

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Glo - ry, ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis!  
Glo - ri - a, Glo - ri - a,

Glo - ry, ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis!

# God rest you merry, gentlemen


English, hints of Willcocks - but not entirely!

SOPRANO  
ALTO

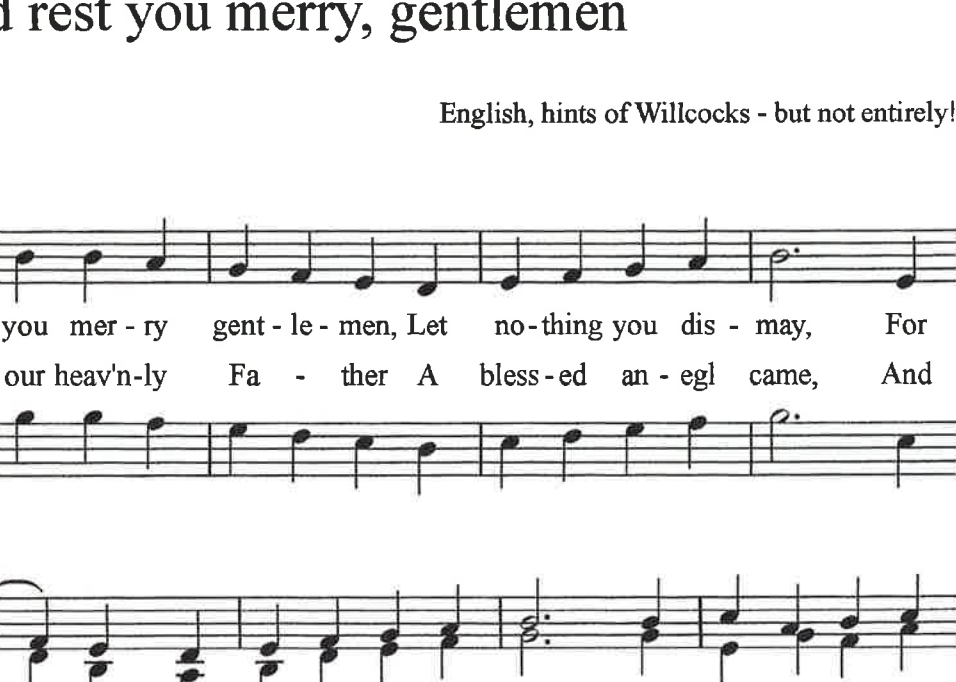


God rest you mer - ry gent - le - men, Let no - thing you dis - may, For  
From God, our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came, And


TENOR  
BASS



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Christ our Lord and Sa - vior was born up - on this day, To save us all from  
un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought ti - dings of the same, How that in Beth - le -



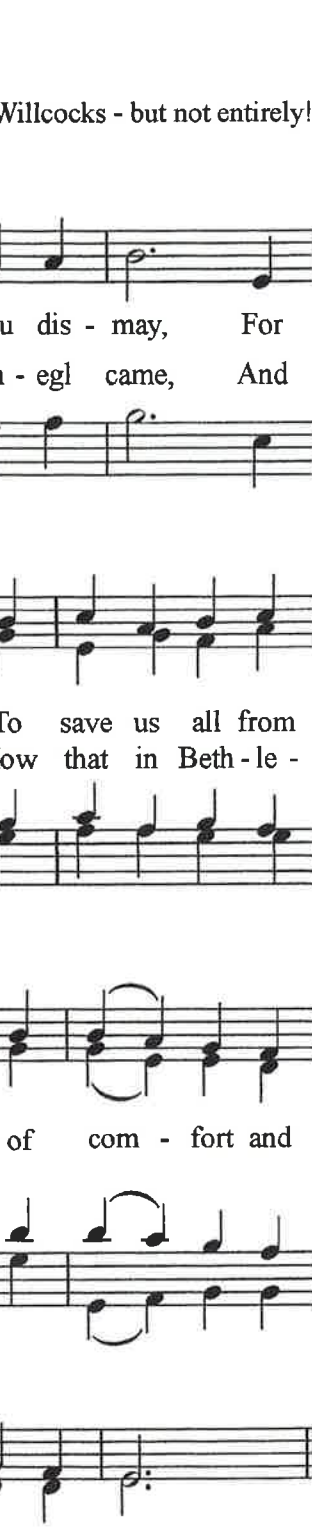
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Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray: O ti - dings of com - fort and  
hem was born The Son of God by name:



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joy, com - fort and joy, O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.



# 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 host proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the favored one.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell  
Jesus, our Immanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

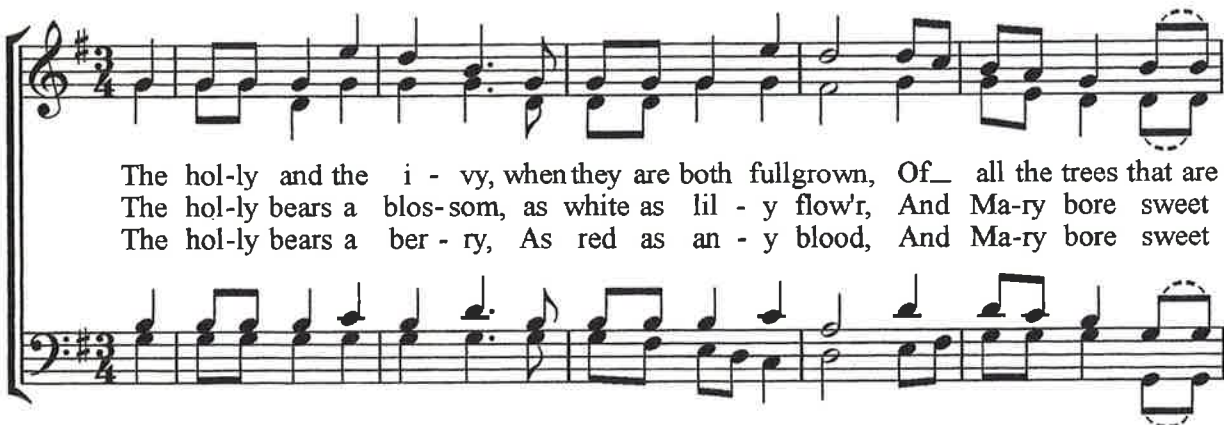
Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He leaves his throne on high,  
Born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"



# The Holly and the Ivy

Trad. English

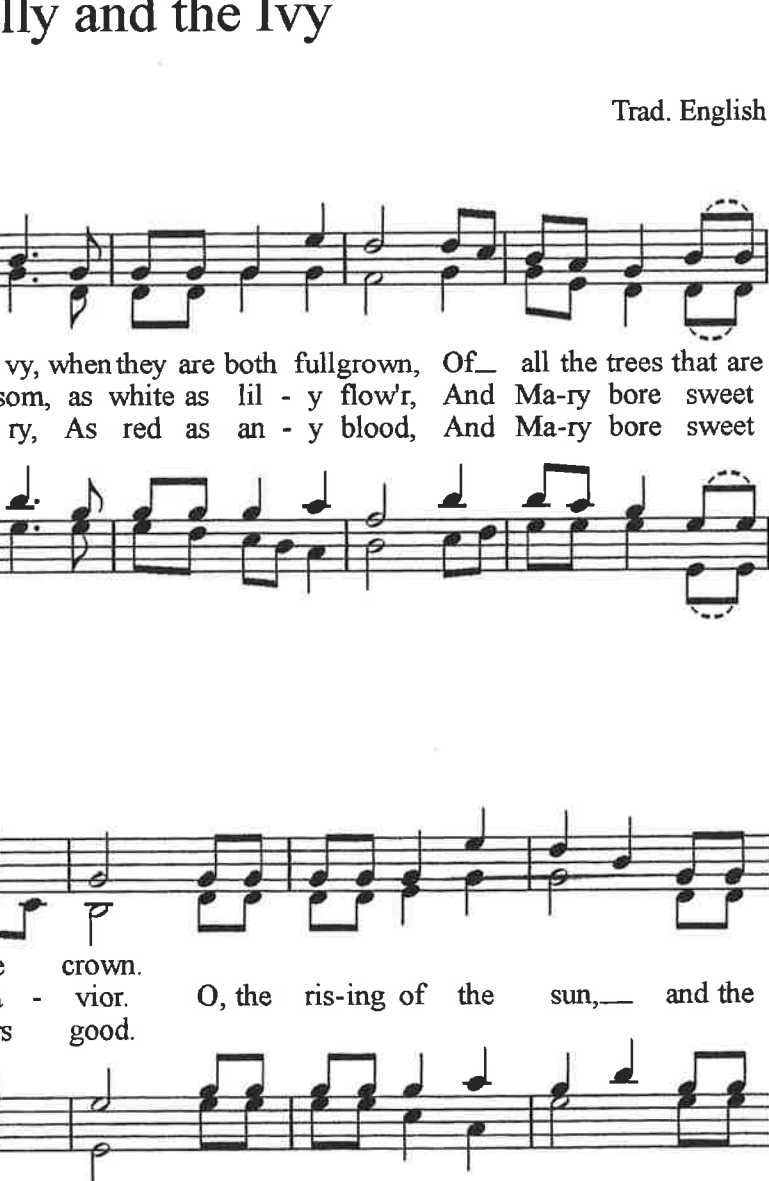
SOPRANO  
ALTO



The hol-ly and the i - vy, when they are both fullgrown, Of\_ all the trees that are  
The hol-ly bears a blos-som, as white as lil - y flow'r, And Ma-ry bore sweet  
The hol-ly bears a ber - ry, As red as an - y blood, And Ma-ry bore sweet


TENOR  
BASS

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in the wood, the\_ hol - ly bears the crown.  
Je - sus Christ, To\_ be our dear Sa - vior. O, the ris - ing of the sun, \_ and the  
Je - sus Christ, To\_ do poor sin - ners good.

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run - ning of the deer, The play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, Sweet sing - ing in the choir.



# In the bleak midwinter

Christina Rossetti

Gustav Holst

In the bleak mid-win - ter, Fros - ty wind made moan,  
Our God, heav'n can - not hold him, Nor earth sus - tain;  
An - gels and arch - an - gels May have ga - thered there,  
What can I give him, Poor as I am?

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Earth stood hard as i - ron, Wa - ter like a stone;  
Heav'n and earth shall flee a - way When he comes to reign;  
Che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim Thronged the air;  
If I were a she - pherd I would bring a lamb,

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Snow had fall - en, snow on snow, Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble place suff - iced The  
But his mo - ther on - ly, In her mai - den bliss,  
If I were a wise man I would do my part, Yet

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In the bleak mid - win - ter, Long a - go.  
Lord God Al - migh - ty, Je - sus Christ.  
Wor - shipped the Be - lov - ed With a kiss.  
what I can I give Him Give my heart.

# Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord has 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.

Joy to the world, the Savior 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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

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, wonders, of His love.

## Lo, how a Rose e'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN 1447 - Folk song,  
first published in Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Köln, 1599

Harmony by Michael Praetorius  
Musae Sioniae, 1609

Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung! Of  
Is - i - ah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind; With  
The shep - herds heard the sto - ry pro - claimed by an - gels bright, How  
This Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air, Dis -

Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, As those of old have sung. It came a flower-et  
Ma - ry we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a -  
Christ the Lord of glo - ry was born on earth this night. To Beth - le - hem they  
-pells with glor - ious splen - dour the dark - ness ev - ery - where; True man, yet ve - ry

bright, A - mid the cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
-right, She bore to us a Sav - iour, when half spent was the night.  
sped and in the manger they found him, As an - gel her - alds said.  
God, from sin and death he saves us, and light - ens ev - ery load.

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, glory in the highest;

## **Refrain**

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

## **Refrain**

# 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,  
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.

# Still, Still, Still

Austrian melody

SOPRANO  
ALTO

Still, still, still, one can hear the fall - ing snow, For  
Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Sav - ior's birth. The  
Dream, dream, dream of the joy - ous day to come. While

TENOR  
BASS

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all is hushed, the world is sleep - ing, Ho - ly star, it's  
night is peace - ful all a - round you, close your eyes, let  
guard - ian ang - gels, with - out num - ber watch you as you

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vig - il keep - ing, Still, still, still, one can hear the fall - ing snow.  
sleep sur - round you, Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Sav - ior's birth.  
sweet - ly slum - ber, Dream, dream, dream, of the joy - ous day to come.

# Sussex Carol

**Allegretto**

SOPRANO ALTO

TENOR BASS

On  
Then  
All

On Christ-mas night all Christ - ians sing, To hear the news the an - gels bring,  
Then why should all the earth be so sad, Since our Re deem - er made us glad?  
All out of dark-ness we\_\_\_ have light, which made the an - gels sing this night,

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Christ-mas night all Christ - ians sing, To hear the news the an - gels bring, News of great  
why should all the earth be so sad, Since our Re deem - er made us glad? When from our  
out of dark-ness we\_\_\_ have light, which made the an - gels sing this night. Glo - ry to

News of great  
When from our  
Glo - ry to

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joy, news of great mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
sin he set us free, All for to gain our li - ber - ty?  
God and peace on earth, Now and for - ev - er more, A - men!

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# The Wexford Carol

$\text{♩} = 58$

SOPRANO  
ALTO



1. Good peo - ple\_ all, this Christ-mas time, con-sid - er well and bear in mind, What  
thank - ful\_ heart and joy - ful mind, The shep-herds went the babe to find, And

TENOR  
BASS



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our good God for us has done, In send-ing his\_ be - lov - ed Son. With Ma ry ho - ly  
as God's\_ an - gels had fore-told, They did our Sa - vior Christ be-hold. With - in a man - ger



10



we should pray To\_ God\_ with love\_ this Christ-mas day; In Beth - le - hem up -  
he was laid, And by\_ his side\_ the vir - gin maid At - tend - ing\_ on the



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on that morn, There was a bless - ed Mes - si - ah born. 2. With  
Lord of Life, Who came to earth\_ to end all strife.



## What Child Is This

What Child is this, who, laid to rest  
 On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
 While shepherds watch are keeping?

### *Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King,  
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
 The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
 Where ox and ass are feeding?  
 Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
 The silent Word is pleading.

### *Refrain*

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
 Come peasant, king to own Him;  
 The King of kings salvation brings,  
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

### *Refrain*