



A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed. Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for a bed. Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, o come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, o Israel!

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see. Evermore and evermore.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and king, lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden beams, soft silver moon that gently gleams, o praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free! From out fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art: dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

People Look East

People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able. Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look East, and sing today. Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near! Let every hill and valley, a level way appear. Great one who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story, o blest is Christ that came in God's most Holy name.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in a manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "O Lowly Maiden Mary, most highly favored lady!" Gloria.

What Child Is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Who angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, who shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high swiftly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Silent Night, Holy 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.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King. Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of Glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

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, o come, let us adore him, o come, let us adore him, o come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

