

Carols Around the Tree



**Kennington Parish Council
Oxfordshire**

1. O Little Town of Bethlehem

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 street shineth
The everlasting light
The Hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

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

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So he 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

Oh 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

2. 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 his bed
Mary was that mother mild
Jesus Christ her little child

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

And though 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

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

And our eyes at last shall see him
Though 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

3. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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

Chorus

**Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new born King**

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

Chorus

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 son of earth
Born to give them second birth

Chorus

4. The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel 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

Chorus

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel**

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

Chorus

And by that 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 wheresoever it
went

Chorus

5. 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

Chorus

**O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
Oh come let us adore him
Christ the Lord**

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

Chorus

6. 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 bright 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
Any stay by my side
Until morning is nigh

Be near me Lord Jesus
I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever
And love me, I pray

Bless all the dear children
In thy tender care
And fit us for heaven
To live with thee there.

7. Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas last 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 St Agnes fountain

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

Sire the night is darker now
And the wind blows stronger
Fails my heart, I know not how
I can go no longer
Mark my footsteps, good my page
Tread them in them boldly
Thou shall find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly

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
You who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing

8. Jingle Bells

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 spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight

Chorus:
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

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

Chorus

9. Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear tree

On the second day.....
Two turtle doves

On the third day.....
Three French hens

On the fourth day.....
Four calling birds

On the fifth day.....
Five gold rings

On the sixth day.....
Six geese a-laying

On the seventh day.....
Seven swans a-swimming

On the eighth day
Eight maids a-milking

On the ninth day.....
Nine drummers drumming

On the tenth day.....
Ten pipers piping

On the eleventh day.....
Eleven ladies dancing

On the twelfth day.....
Twelve lords a-leaping

10. Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul
With a corncob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal
Frosty the snowman is a fairytale they say
He was made of snow but the children know
How he came to life one day
There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found
For when they placed it on his head
He began to dance around.

Frosty the snowman
Was alive as he could be, And the children say he could laugh and play
Just the same as you and me.

11. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer *(Sing Twice Through)*

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Had a very shiny nose And if you ever saw it You would even say it glows	Then how the reindeer loved him As they shouted out with glee Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer You'll go down in history"
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All of the other reindeer Used to laugh and call him names They never let poor Rudolph Join in any reindeer games	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Had a very shiny nose And if you ever saw it You would even say it glows
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Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say
"Rudolph, with your nose so bright
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

12. Santa Claus is Coming to Town *(Sing Twice Through)*

You better watch out
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town

He's making a list
He's checking it twice;
He's gonna find out who's naughty or
nice
Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping
He knows when you're awake
He knows when you've been bad or
good
So be good for goodness sake?

You better watch out
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town

13. Winter Wonderland

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening
In the lane, snow is glistening
A beautiful sight
We're happy tonight
Walking in a winter wonderland

Gone away is the bluebird
Here to stay is a new bird
He sings a love song
As we go along
Walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow we can build a
snowman
Then pretend that he is Parson Brown
He'll say, Are you married?
We'll say, No man
But you can do the job
When you're in town

Later on, we'll conspire
As we dream by the fire
To face unafraid
The plans that we've made
Walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow we can build a
snowman
And pretend that he's a circus clown
We'll have lots of fun with Mister
Snowman
Until the other kids knock him down

When it snows, ain't it thrilling
Though your nose gets a chilling
We'll frolic and play, the Eskimo way
Walking in a winter wonderland

14. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray
Oh tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heav'nly 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.
Oh tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

Fear not then, said the Angel
Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure Virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's pow'r and might
Oh tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

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.
Oh tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

15. Deck The Hall

Deck the hall with boughs of holly
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la
'Tis the season to be jolly
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

Don we now our gay apparel
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la, la, la
Troll the ancient Yule-tide carol
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

See the blazing Yule before us
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la
Strike the harp and join the chorus
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

Follow me in merry measure
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la
While I tell of Yuletide treasure
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

Fast away the old year passes
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

Sing we joyous all together
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la
Heedless of the wind and weather
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la

16. We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain
Moor and mountain
Following yonder star

Chorus
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 for ever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign

Chorus

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

Chorus

Myrrh is mine
Its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in a stone cold tomb

Chorus



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