



MERRY CHRISTMAS

IVERSON FAMILY SONGBOOK

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Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing over the plains
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains

Glo-ori-a
In excelsis de-o
Glo-ori-a
In excelsis de-o

Shepherds, why this Jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong
What the glad some tidings be? Which inspire your heavenly song

(Chorus)

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

(Chorus)

See Him in a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, with us sing our Savior's birth

(Chorus)

Away In a Manger

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

The cattle are lowing, The sweet baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle, 'till morning is nigh

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

Bring A Torch Jeanette Isabella

Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella, bring a torch, come swiftly and run
Christ is born, tell the folk of the village, Jesus is sleeping in His cradle
Ah, ah, beautiful is the mother
Ah, ah, beautiful is her son

Hasten now, good folk of the village, hasten now, the Christ Child to see
You will find Him asleep in the manger, quietly come and whisper softly
Hush, hush, peacefully now He slumbers
Hush, hush, peacefully now He sleeps

Christmas Times A-Coming

Christmas time's a-coming
Christmas time's a-coming
Christmas Time's a-coming
And I know I'm going home

Snow flake's a-falling
My old homes's a-calling
Tall pine's a-humming
Christmas Time's A-Coming

Can't you hear them bells ringing, ringing
Joy to all, hear them ringing
When it's snowing, I'll be going
Back to my country home

Christmas time's a-coming
Christmas time's a-coming
Christmas Time's a-coming
And I know I'm going home

Candle light's a-burning
My old heart's a-yearning
For the folks at home when
Christmas time's a-coming

(Chorus)

Holly's in the window
Home is where the wind blows
Can't walk for running
Christmas Time's A-Coming

(Chorus)

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 Yuletide 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 Christmas 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

Ding Dong Merrily On High

Ding dong merrily on high
In heaven the bells are ringing
Ding dong verily the sky
Is riven with angels singing

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis

Even so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen
And i-o, i-o, i-o
By priest and people sungen

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers
May you beautifully rhythm
Your eve-time song, ye singers

Gloria, hosanna in excelsis

Frosty The Snowman

Frosty the Snow Man was a jolly happy soul
With a corn-cob pipe and a button nose and two eyes made out of coal
Frosty the Snow Man is a fairy tale 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 put it on his head he began to dance around

Oh, Frosty the Snow Man was alive as he could be
And the children say he could laugh and play just the same as you and me

Frosty the Snow Man knew the sun was hot that day
So he said, "Let's run and we'll have some fun now before I melt away"
Down to the village with a broomstick in his hand
Running here and there all around the square, saying "Catch me if you can"

He led them down the streets of town right to the traffic cop
And he only paused a moment when he heard him holler "Stop!"
For Frosty the Snow Man had to hurry on his way
But he waved good-bye, saying, "Don't you cry; I'll be back again some day."

Thumpity thump thump, thumpity thump thump, Look at Frosty go
Thumpity thump, thump, thumpity thump thump, Over the hills of snow

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 power when we were gone astray

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

In Bethlehem, in Israel, this blessed babe was born
And laid within a manger, upon this blessed morn
That which His mother Mary, did nothing take in scorn

(Chorus)

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

(Chorus)

Good King Wenceslas

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

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

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
Though the rude winds wild lament, and the bitter weather

Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger
Fails my heart, I know now how, I can go no longer
Mark my footsteps, my good page, tread thou in them boldly
Thou shalt 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
Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing

Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer

Grandma got run over by a reindeer
Walking home from our house Christmas Eve
You can say there's no such thing as Santa
But as for me an' Grandpa, we believe

She'd been drinking too much eggnog
And we begged her not to go
But she forgot her medication
And she staggered out the door into the snow

When we found her Christmas morning
At the scene of the attack
She had hoof prints on her forehead
And incriminating Claus marks on her back

(Chorus)

Now we're all so proud of Grandpa
He's been taking this so well
See him in there watching football
Drinking beer and playing cards with Cousin Mel

It's not Christmas without Grandma
All the family's dressed in black
And we just can't help but wonder, should we open up her gifts or send them back?

(Chorus)

Now the goose is on the table
And the pudding made of fig
And the blue and silver candles
That would have matched the hair in Grandma's wig

I've warned all my friends and neighbors
better watch out for yourselves
They should never give a license
To a man who drives a sleigh and plays with elves.

(Chorus)

Have A Holly Jolly Christmas

Have a holly, jolly Christmas, it's the best time of the year
I don't know if there'll be snow, but have a cup of cheer
Have a holly, jolly Christmas, and when you walk down the street
Say hello to friends you know and everyone you meet

Oh, ho the mistletoe, hung where you can see
Somebody waits for you, kiss her once for me

Have a holly jolly Christmas, and in case you didn't hear
Oh by golly have a holly, jolly Christmas this year

Home For The Holidays

Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays
Cause no matter how far away you roam
When you pine for the sunshine of a friendly gaze
For the holidays you can't beat home, sweet home

I met a man who lived in Tennessee and he was heading for
Pennsylvania and some homemade pumpkin pie
From Pennsylvania folks are traveling down to Dixie's sunny shore
From Atlantic to Pacific, gee, the traffic is terrific

Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays
Cause no matter how far away you roam
If you want to be happy in a million ways
For the holidays you can't beat home, sweet home

For the holidays you can't beat home, sweet home

I Saw Three Ships

(Original title is "As I Sat On A Sunny Bank")

As I sat on a sunny bank, a sunny bank, a sunny bank
As I sat on a sunny bank, on Christmas day in the morning

I saw three ships come sailing in, come sailing in, come sailing in
I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas day in the morning

And who d'you think were on the ships, were on the ships, were on the ships
And who d'you think were on the ships, but Joseph and his fair lady

He did whistle and she did sing, and all the bells on earth did ring
For joy our Savior, Christ and King, on Christmas day in the morning

I'm Getting Nuttin' For Christmas

I broke my bat on Johnny's head, somebody snitched on me
I hid a frog in sister's bed, somebody snitched on me
I spilled some ink on Mommy's rug, I made Tommy eat a bug
Bought some gum with a penny slug, somebody snitched on me

Oh, I'm getting nuttin for Christmas
Mommy and Daddy are mad
I'm getting nuttin for Christmas
Cause ain't been nothing but bad

I won't be seeing Santa Claus, somebody snitched on me
He won't come visit me because, somebody snitched on me
Next year I'll be going straight, next year I'll be good just wait
I'd start now but it's too late, somebody snitched on me

(Chorus)

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere you go
Take a look in the five-and-ten, glistening once again
With candy canes and silver lanes aglow
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, toys in every store
But the prettiest sight to see is the holly that will be
On your own front door

A pair of hop-a-long boots and a pistol that shoots
Is the wish of Barney and Ben
Dolls that will talk and will go for a walk
Is the hope of Janice and Jen
And Mom and Dad can hardly wait for school to start again

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere you go
There's a tree in the Grand Hotel, one in the park as well
The sturdy kind that doesn't mind the snow
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, soon the bells will start
And the thing that will make them ring is the carol that you sing
Right within your heart

Jingle Bell Rock

Jingle bell, jingle bell jingle bell rock
Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring
Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun
Now the jingle hop has begun

Jingle bell, jingle bell jingle bell rock
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time
Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square
In the frosty air

What a bright time it's the right time
To rock the night away
Jingle bell time is a swell time
To go gliding in a one-horse sleigh

Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet
Jingle around the clock
Mix and a-mingle in a jingling beat
That's the jingle bell
That's the jingle bell
That's the jingle bell rock

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh
Over 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

Cho: Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh (2X)

A day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride
And soon Miss Fanny Bright was seated by my side
The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seemed his lot
He got into a drifted bank and there we got upsot

(Chorus)

Now the ground is white, so go it while you're young
Take the girls tonight and sing this sleighing song
Just get a bob-tailed bay, two-forty as his speed
Hitch him to an open sleigh and crack, you'll take the lead

(Chorus)

Jolly Old Saint Nicholas

Jolly old St. Nicholas, lean your ear this way
Don't you tell a single soul, what I'm going to say
Christmas Eve is coming soon, now you dear old man
Whisper what you'll bring to me, tell me if you can

When the clock is striking twelve, when I'm fast asleep
Down the chimney broad and black, with your pack you'll creep
All the stockings you will find, hanging in a row
Mine will be the shortest one, you'll be sure to know

Johnny wants a pair of skates, Susie wants a dolly
Nellie wants a story book, she thinks dolls are folly
As for me, my little brain, isn't very bright
Choose for me dear Santa Claus, what you think is right

Joy To The World

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

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

Let It Snow

Oh, the weather outside is frightful
But the fire is so delightful
And since we've no place to go
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

It doesn't show signs of stopping
And I brought some corn for popping
The lights are turned way down low
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

When we finally kiss good night
How I'll hate going out in the storm
But if you really hold me tight
All the way home I'll be warm

The fire is slowly dying
And, my dear we're still good-bye-ing
But as long as you love me so
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

Little Drummer Boy

Come they told me, pa rum pum pum pum
A new born King to see, pa rum pum pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum
To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum

For to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum
When we come

Baby Jesu, pa rum pum pum pum
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum
That's fit to give our King, pa rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum

Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum
On my drum

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum
The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum
I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum
I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum

Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum
Me and my drum

Mary Had A Baby

Mary had a baby, aye Lord
Mary had a baby, aye my Lord
Mary had a baby, aye Lord
The people keep a-coming and the train done gone

Where did she lay him, aye Lord
Where did she lay him, aye my Lord
Laid him in a manger, aye Lord
The people keep a-coming and the train done gone

What did she name him, aye Lord
What did she name him, aye my Lord
Named him Jesus, aye Lord
The people keep a-coming and the train done gone

Who heard the singing, aye Lord
Who heard the singing, aye my Lord
Shepherds heard the singing, aye Lord
The people keep a-coming and the train done gone

Star keeps shining, aye Lord
Star keeps shining, aye my Lord
Angels gather round him, aye Lord
The people keep a-coming and the train done gone

Now where was He born, aye Lord
Born in a stable, aye my Lord
Laid in a manger, aye Lord
The people keep a-coming and the train done gone

Must Be Santa

Who's got a beard that's long and white? Santa's got a beard that's long and white
Who comes around on a special night? Santa comes around on a special night
Special night, beard that's white
Must be Santa, must be Santa
Must be Santa, Santa Claus

Who wears boots and a suit of red? Santa wears boots and a suit of red
Who wears a long cap on his head? Santa wears a long cap on his head
Cap on head, suit that's red
Special night, beard that's white
Must be Santa, must be Santa
Must be Santa, Santa Claus

Who's got a big red cherry nose? Santa's got a big red cherry nose
Who laughs this way: HO HO HO? Santa laughs this way: HO HO HO
HO HO HO, cherry nose
Cap on head, suit that's red
Special night, beard that's white
Must be Santa, must be Santa
Must be Santa, Santa Claus

Who very soon will come our way? Santa very soon will come our way
Eight little reindeer pull his sleigh, Santa's little reindeer pull his sleigh
Reindeer sleigh, come our way
HO HO HO, cherry nose
Cap on head, suit that's red
Special night, beard that's white
Must be Santa, must be Santa
Must be Santa, Santa Claus

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen
Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen
Reindeer sleigh, come our way
HO HO HO, cherry nose
Cap on head, suit that's red
Special night, beard that's white
Must be Santa, must be Santa
Must be Santa, Santa Claus

O Come All Ye Faithful

Oh, come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him
Born the King of angels

Oh, come, let us adore him
Oh, 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
Glory in the highest

(Cho)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus, to thee be all glory given
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem

Oh 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 to-night

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep, their watch of wondering love

Oh morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth

Over The River & Through The Woods

(original words)

Over the river, and through the wood, to Grandfather's house we go
The horse knows the way, to carry the sleigh
Through the white and drifted snow

Over the river, and through the wood, to Grandfather's house away
We would not stop for doll or top
For 'tis Thanksgiving Day

(riff)

Over the river, and through the wood, oh how the wind does blow
It stings the toes, and bites the nose
As over the ground we go

Over the river, and through the wood, with a clear blue winter sky
The dogs do bark and children hark
As we go jingling by

(riff)

Over the river, and through the wood, to see little John and Ann
We will kiss them all, and play snowball
And stay as long as we can

Over the river, and through the wood, and straight through the barnyard gate
We seem to go extremely slow
It is so hard to wait

(riff)

Over the river, and through the wood, when Grandmother sees us come
She'll say "Oh dear", the children are here
Bring a pie for every one

Over the river, and through the wood, now Grandmother's cap I spy
Hurrah for the fun, is the pudding done
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie

Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen
Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen
But do you recall, the most famous reindeer of all

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, had a very shiny nose
And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows
All of the other reindeer, used to laugh and call him names
They never let poor Rudolph, join in any reindeer games

Then one foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say
Rudolph with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight
Then how the reindeer loved him, and they shouted out with glee
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, you'll go down in history

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

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 and checking it twice
Gonna find out who's naughty and nice
Santa Claus is coming to town

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

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

With little tin horns and little toy drums
Rooty toot toots and rummy tum tums
Santa Claus is coming to town

Curly head dolls to cuddle and coo
Elephants, boats, and kiddie cars too
Santa Claus is coming to town

Then kids in girl & boy land
Will have a jubilee
They're gonna build a toy land
All around the Christmas tree

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

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, shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia
Christ, the Savior, is born
Christ, the Savior, is born

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

Silver Bells

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks
Dressed in holiday style
In the air there's a feeling of Christmas

Children laughing, people passing
Meeting smile after smile
And on every street corner you hear

Silver bells (echo), silver bells (echo)
It's Christmas-time in the city
Ring-a-ling (echo), hear them ring (echo)
Soon it will be Christmas day

Strings of street lights, even stop lights
Blink a bright red and green
As the shoppers run home with their treasures

Hear the snow crunch, see the kids bunch
This is Santa's big scene
And above all the bustle you hear

(Chorus)

Twelve Days of Christmas

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

- Two turtle doves
- Three french hens
- Four calling birds
- Five golden rings
- Six geese a-laying
- Seven swans a-swimming
- Eight maids a-milking
- Nine ladies dancing
- Ten lords a-leaping
- Eleven pipers piping
- Twelve drummers drumming

Up On The House Top

Up on the housetop reindeer pause, out jumps good old Santa Claus
Down thru the chimney with lots of toys, all for the little one's Christmas joys

Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't go
Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't go
Up on the housetop, click, click, click
Down thru the chimney with good Saint Nick

First comes the stocking of little Nell, oh dear Santa fill it well
Give her a dolly that laughs and cries, one that will open and shut her eyes

(Chorus)

Next comes the stocking of little Will, oh just see what a glorious fill
Here is a hammer and lots of tacks, whistle and ball, and a whip that cracks

(Chorus)

Rover come here, are you all alone
Haven't they tossed you an extra bone
Here's one to gladden your honest jaws
Now wag a "thank you" to Santa Claus

(Chorus)

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star. Oh...

Star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect Light

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy New Year

Oh bring us a figgy pudding, oh bring us a figgy pudding
Oh bring us a figgy pudding, and a cup of good cheer
We won't go until we get some, we won't go until we get some
We won't go until we get some, so bring some out here

(Chorus)

What Child Is This

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

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

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

Raise, raise the song on high
The Virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy, for Christ is born
The Babe, the Son of Mary

White Christmas

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the treetops glisten
And children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmases be white

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmases be white

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