

# heptonstall carols in the square

5:30pm Christmas Eve in Weavers  
Square

## Away in a Manger

Away in a manger  
No crib for a bed

The little Lord Jesus  
Lay 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  
The 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

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

## Silent Night

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child  
holy infant 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  
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia  
Christ the saviour is born  
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Silent night Holy night  
Son of God, loves pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of saving grace  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth

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

God of God Light of Light  
Lo! He abhors not the virgins womb  
Very God, begotten, not created  
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 heaven above  
Glory to God, in the highest  
O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him  
Christ the Lord

**Oh Come All Ye Faithful**

## 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 your perfect light

Born a king on bethlehem plain  
Gold I bring to crown him again  
King forever, 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 on high

### **Chorus**

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

### **Chorus**

Glorious now, behold him a-rise  
King and God and sacrifice  
Heaven sings alleluia  
Alleluia, the earth replies

### **Chorus**

### **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

#### **Chorus:**

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin  
We wish you a merry Christmas & a happy New  
Year

Now bring us the figgy pudding  
Now bring us the figgy pudding  
Now bring us the figgy pudding  
And bring it out here

#### **Chorus**

And we won't go until we've got some  
And we won't go until we've got some  
And we won't go until we've got some  
So bring some out here

#### **Chorus**

### **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! The herald Angels sing  
Glory to the new born King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and singers reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With the Angelic Host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
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 the Godhead see;  
Hail, the incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the New-born King

## Hark the Herald Angels Sing Continued...

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace  
Hail the son of righteousness  
Light & 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 sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new born king

### The first Noel

The first Noel the Angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they  
lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winters night that was so deep

#### **Chorus:**

Noel, noel, noel, noel...  
Born is the King of Israel

They look- - -ed up and sa-w the star  
Shining i--n the Ea-st, beyond them far  
And t-o the earth it ga-ve great light  
And so it continues both da-y and night

#### **Chorus**

This star drew nigh to th-e North West  
O'er B-ethlehe-m it took its rest  
And the-re it d-id stop and stay  
Ri-ght over the pl-ace where Jesus lay

#### **Chorus**

Then entere'd in there Wi se Men three  
Full rev'rently on be-nded knee  
And offered there in H-is presence  
Their go-ld and myrrhh and frankincence

#### **Chorus**

## Good King Wencelas

Good King Wencelas 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,  
Gathering winter fuel

Hither page, and stand by me  
If thou knowest tell me  
Yonder peasant, who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?  
Sire he lives a good league hence  
Underneath the mountain  
Right against the forrest fence  
By St Agnes fountain

Bring me flesh and bring me wine  
Bring me pine logs hither  
You and I shall see him dine  
When we bear them thither  
Page and monarch forth they went  
Forth they went together  
Through the rude winters lament  
And the bitter weather

Sire the night is darker now  
And the wind grows stronger  
Fails my heart, I know not how  
I can go no longer  
Mark my footsteps, good my page!  
Tread thou in them boldly  
Thou shalt find the winters rage  
Freeze thy blood less coldly

In his masters 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

## Oh 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 the dark streets 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 silent how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv'n  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessing of His heav'n

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

## **God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen**

God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our saviour  
Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r  
When we were gone astray

### **Chorus:**

O tidings of comfort & joy  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly father  
A blessed angel came  
And into certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The son of God by name

### **Chorus**

'Fear not' then said the angel  
'Let nothing you affright  
This day is born a saviour  
Of virtue power and might  
So frequently to vanquish all  
The friends of Satan quite'

## **Chorus**

The shepherds at those tidings  
Rejoiced much in their mind  
And left their flocks a-feeding  
In tempest, storm & wind  
And went to Bethlehem straightway  
This blessed babe to find

### **Chorus**

But when to Bethlehem they came  
Whereat this infant lay  
They found him in a manger  
Where oxen feed on hay  
His mother Mary kn-ee-ling  
Unto the Lord did pray

### **Chorus**

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  
A-ll others doth deface

### **Chorus**

## Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow  
In a one horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way  
Bells on bob tails ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to laugh and sing  
A sleighing song tonight

### **Chorus:**

O jingle bells jingle bells jingle all the way  
O what fun it is to ride on a one horse open sleigh,  
hey!  
O jingle bells jingle bells jingle all the way  
O what fun it is to ride on a one horse open sleigh

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  
We got into a drifted bank  
And then we got upshot

### **Chorus**

A day or two ago  
The story I must tell  
I went out on the snow  
And on my back I fell  
A gent was riding by  
In a one horse open sleigh  
He left as I there sprawling lie  
But quickly drove away

### **Chorus**

Now the ground is white  
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  
An crack! You'll take the lead

### **Chorus**