

01 REJOICE AND SING

VERSE 1

See the Star of Bethlehem
Rising in the East
See the love of the Father
Who sends us the Prince of Peace
Hear the angels all around us
Sing Glory to God Most High
Hear the children sing their praises
To the One who brought us new Life

CHORUS

Rejoice and sing
All praise to the new-born King
He comes to save
So let us rejoice and sing

VERSE 2

See the shepherds come and praise Him
They offer what little they own
See the newborn King of Glory
On a manger that serves as a throne
Come and worship, come adore Him
Though weak and sinful you are
For He came to save the sinner
This bright Morning Star

CHORUS

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All praise to the new-born King
He comes to save
So let us rejoice and sing

BRIDGE

In the fullness of time
He came to set us free! [*Chorus 2x*]

02 BEHOLD!

**Behold! I bring to you, this day,
Good news of a great joy.
For to you is born a Saviour.
He is Christ, the Lord.**

VERSE 1

There in the city of David,
You will find a Babe in swaddling clothes,

And there lying in a manger,
Is your Saviour and Lord.

VERSE 2

Glory Glory to God in the highest.
And peace to all those
Found pleasing to the Lord.

VERSE 3

Let us go now to Bethlehem,
And see with our own eyes
This amazing sight which was
made known to us by the Lord. [R]

03 IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN

**Glory to God in the highest heaven.
Peace to all upon the earth.
That is what the angel sang to me.
In that song great joy was given,
For it told of the Saviour's birth.
Now we'll sing that song eternally.**

Verse 1

You are the Wonderful Counsellor.
You are the Mighty God.
You are the Everlasting Father.
You are the Prince of Peace.

Verse 2

You are the Way that leads to the Father.
You are the Truth that sets us free.
You are the Life that rescues us from death.
You are the Lord God Almighty.

04 REJOICE

VERSE 1

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid".
The angel spoke these words to me.
And so my fears obeyed.
"The child your wife is carrying, holy he shall be.
He'll save his people from their sins
and all iniquity."

Rejoice! Rejoice! Again I say: Rejoice!

**For Christ is born! Let all the world rejoice!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Again I say: Rejoice!
For Christ is born! Let all the world rejoice!**

VERSE 2

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you."
The angel spoke these words to me;
I don't know what to do.
"You'll bear a son, Jesus; holy he shall be.
The Holy Spirit covers you;
the Son of God is He."

VERSE 3

"Glory to God in the highest;
and peace to all on earth."
The angels spoke these words to me,
announcing Jesus' birth.
"Do not fear", they said to me.
"Listen, for behold,
a Savior has been born today,
the Promise long foretold.

05 IMMANUEL

Michael Card

VERSE 1

A sign will be given; a virgin will conceive.
A human Baby bearing undiminished Deity.
The Glory of the nations; a light for all to see;
And hope for all who will embrace
His warm reality.

**Immanuel, our God is with us.
And if God is with us,
Who could stand against us?
Our God is with us, Immanuel.**

VERSE 2

For all those who live
In the shadow of death
A glorious Light has dawned.
For all those who stumble
In the darkness,
Behold, your Light has come!

So what will be your answer?
O, will you hear the call

Of Him Who did not spare His Son,
But gave Him for us all?
On earth there is no power,
there is no depth or height,
That could ever separate us
from the love of God in Christ.

06 THE LIGHT

VERSE 1

In the stillness of the night,
While the world was still asleep
The Light was born for all to see.
The Light overcame the darkness
And came to save you and me.

The world awakes to the Light each day
The Light of the Risen Son.

**So come, let us live in the Light.
We've put off the deeds of darkness
We arise from death and put on new Life
We live now as children of Light**

VERSE 2

The Light has been born again in our hearts
As angels worship up above
Jesus, the Light of the world
Fills our hearts with his love. [*to Pre-chorus*]

VERSE 3

Then there will be no more night.
The Lamb of God will be our Light. [*to Chorus*]

07 SHEPHERDS

A silent night with sky so clear;
We're cold and hungry
And full of fear.
Poor and simple, outcasts all,
The last to expect to hear God's call.

The sight of angels fills the sky;
Awe and wonder is our reply.
A vision of glory sent from above.
Who can compare
With our God of Love?

**"Glory to God on high,
And peace to all people on earth."
The angels sing their reply,
As we celebrate His birth.**

To Bethlehem we hurry along,
Still singing this heavenly song.
We go to find this Child to praise,
And grow in His holy ways.

We worship you, O Christ, our King.
With all our hearts, our praises ring.
Call us now to spread this word,
And sing the song
Which we have heard.

08 BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED

Amid the straw and dirt of the earth
Our Saviour chose the place for His birth.
The kings and mighty were not to be found;
Instead were want and need all around.
The Baby Messiah was promised of old;
His parents were poor and homeless and cold.
But trust in God was Mary's way;
Her Babe was warmed by the beasts & the hay.

**Blessed is she who trusted in God.
Blessed is she, the Mother of God.
Blessed is she, and all of us too who believe
That God's Word will be true.**

They fled to Egypt, a terrible fright.
Warned in a dream, they left in the night.
With nothing to eat, and nowhere to stay,
The Refugees had nothing left, but to pray.
And trust they did that God would provide.
He met their needs, then King Herod died.
And Mary watched as her Baby grew.
She smiled when He said, "I love you!"

In Nazareth, Mary raised her Son.
He soon was to die to save everyone.
With Jesus she climbed up to Calvary;
And there He suffered and died willingly.
A sword of sorrow did pierce her heart,
But trusting in Him, she never did part.

When on the third day He rose anew,
He said once again, "I love you!"

09 O HOLY NIGHT

traditional

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining.
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new
And glorious morn.

**Fall on your knees!
O hear the angel voices.
O night divine!
O night, when Christ was born.
O night divine!
O night, O night divine!**

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break
For the slave is our brother
And in His name
All oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy
In grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name
Christ is the Lord
O praise His name forever
His power and glory evermore proclaim
His power and glory evermore proclaim

10 HOLY ST. JOSEPH

Joseph, the Just One, the spouse of the Queen,
And protector of the Treasure: the Baby unseen,
This Child, declared the angel is God's holy Son,
Joseph felt unworthy to be God's chosen one.

Humble, and simple, poor, yet strong,
He prepared for this calling his whole life long:
Chastity practiced, he was pure in heart,
He saw the face of God; he was thus set apart.

Holy St. Joseph, you protected our Lord;
To die in His arms was your fitting reward.
You lived purity, a chaste, holy life;
The Lord gave you Mary, a treasure, as wife.

A hard-working carpenter, you show us the way
To offer our labors to God each day.
You guide us and protect us by all of your
prayers,
As you protected the Holy Ones from all of their
fears.

Holy St. Joseph, please pray to our Lord
That we die in peace, as was your reward.
Teach us the purity of a chaste, holy life;
Your example and Mary's, the Virgin, your wife.

Holy St. Joseph, we pray to our Lord
To meet you in heaven, our eternal reward.
We keep our hearts pure and free from all strife
To behold the Lord Jesus at the end of our life.

11 PEACE LIKE A BLANKET

At last the night, the end of day,
When finally we put our cares away.
A special night, though some deny
His presence to guide their life.

And now we watch, with loved ones wait
It's time for all to celebrate
The Eternal Word
Who speaks to all, yet hardly heard.

**Peace, like a blanket, surrounds us tonight.
No fear, no stress, and no more fright.
For a Child has been born for you and me,
A Child as old as eternity.**

Let us rejoice in the Lord. Rejoice!
Let us sing praises with one voice.
And present our needs in prayer
So that peace in our hearts will still be there.

The angels are praising in song without cease
"All glory to God, and to all the world peace."

12 CHRIST THE WORD

In the beginning was the Word
The Word Who was in God's presence.
The Word was God; thru' Him all things were
made.
Nothing was made without Jesus.

We found life in Him: Life for the light of us all.
The Light shines thru'; the darkness did not win.
The Light of Life is Jesus!

Rejoicing, we celebrate our King!
He won the victory!
In His name, the victory is ours
Jesus our Saviour forever.

Jesus came into the world
The world which, thru' Him, was made.
They knew Him not; they did not turn to Him:
The Light of the world Who is Jesus.

Now we've become God's children
Through Him Who dwelt among us.
Enduring love has filled us all.
We've seen the glory of Jesus!

Rejoicing, we celebrate our King!
He won the victory!
In His name, the victory is ours
Jesus our Saviour forever.

13 THE BEAUTIFUL MOTHER

John Foley

The beautiful mother is bending low,
Where her Baby lies.
Helpless and frail for her tending, yet
She knows the glorious eyes.
The mother smiles and rejoices,
While Baby laughs in the hay.
She listens to heavenly voices:
"The Child shall be King one day."

All nations draw near
To the manger low
On this holy night.

Surely as shepherds
And king they come,
To know the glorious sight.
O see the angels before Him
Who rule the earth with their might,
While Joseph and Mary, adore Him,
In stillness behold the Light.

14 SILENT AND STILL

Silent and still, cold winter's chill.
Virgin and child asleep: dreaming.
Joy on this morn. Miracle born.
Father has smiled; God redeeming.

Silent and still, alone on the hill,
Shepherds lead sheep
To the meadows green.
Angels on high; God glorified.
Baby asleep; night so serene.

Silent and still, words to fulfill,
Kings from afar come pay homage.
Kings for the King. Gifts they now bring.
Bright Morning Star. God's own Image.

15 SILENT NIGHT

traditional

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. (2x)

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar.
Heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia!

Christ the Saviour is born." (2x)
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. (2x)

16 THE FIRST NOEL

traditional

additional verses by Greg Mailloux

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds

In fields where they lay.
In fields where they
Lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night
That was so deep.

**Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel.**

Then songs of angels filled the sky:
"All glory to God the Lord Most High,
And peace on earth to those of good will."
They spread glad tidings in words to fulfill. [R]

What awe and wonder filled the hearts
Of shepherds called and set apart
To proclaim the news that Christ is born.
What joy was with them on that blessed morn.
[R]

In the sky there appeared a star of great light.
It illumined the hearts of 3 wise men that
night
Who left behind all that they possessed
To search for the Treasure that they might be
blessed. [R]

They brought their gifts: pure gold for a King
And frankincense used for divine offerings
And myrrh to embalm the Son of Man
Three gifts that reveal God's mysterious plan.
[R]

So let us raise our voices in song
Singing praises to God with the heavenly throng
"All glory to God, the Lord Most High
Father, Son and Spirit we glorify!" [R]

17 MARY'S BOY-CHILD

Jester Hairston

A long time ago, in Bethlehem,
So the holy Bibles say,
Mary's boy-child, Jesus Christ,
Was born on Christmas Day.
Hark! Now hear, the angels sing:
"A new King born today!
And man can live for evermore
Because of Christmas Day."

Now Joseph and his wife Mary,
Came to Bethlehem that night,
But find no place to have the child.
Not a single room was in sight.
While shepherds watch their flocks by night,
They see a bright new shining star,
And hear a heav'nly choir sing.
The music came from afar.
Trumpets sound, and angels sing.
Listen to what they say:
That man can live for evermore
Because of Christmas Day.

By and by they find a little nook
In a stable so forlorn.
And in a manger cold and dark,
Mary's little Boy was born.
Hark! Now hear, the angels sing:
"A new King born today!
And man can live for evermore
Because of Christmas Day."
Trumpets sound, and angels sing.
Listen to what they say:
That man can live for evermore
Because of Christmas Day. (2x)

18 HARK! THE HERALD

traditional

Hark, the herald angels sing.
Glory to the new-born King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinner reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,

"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adore,
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 us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."