

Carols on the Hill

2021

LYRICS & READINGS

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald-angels sing:
“Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise!
Join the triumph of the skies!
With angelic host proclaim:
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald-angels sing:
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ the everlasting Lord.
Late in time, behold Him come;
Offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see!
Hail the Incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus our Immanuel.
Hark! the herald-angels sing:
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son 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 sons of earth;
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald-angels sing:
“Glory to the newborn King!”

The First Noel

The first Noel 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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; 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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country afar.
To seek for a King, was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel

At Bethlehem they entered in;
On bended knee they worshipped Him.
They offered there in His presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our Heavenly Lord.
Who has made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind has bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel; Born is the King of Israel

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 streets shineth the everlasting Light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together, proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings 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.

O 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 Immanuel.

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. *NIV®*

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory;
Wing your flight over all the earth.
Heralds of creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, Christ the newborn King;
Come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching by your flocks at night;
God with man is now residing!
Yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, Christ the newborn King;
Come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Wise men, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions shine afar.
Seek in Him the hope of nations;
You have seen His rising star.
Come and worship, Christ the newborn King;
Come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Though an infant now we view Him,
He will share His Father's throne;
Gather all the nations to Him;
Every knee shall then bow down.
Come and worship, Christ the newborn King;
Come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. *NIV®*

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon a midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not
the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when the new heaven and earth shall own
the Prince of Peace their King,
and all the world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her. *NIV®*

He Who is Mighty

Oh, the mercy our God has shown,
To those who sit in death's shadow.
The sun on high pierced the night;
Born was the Cornerstone.

Unto us a Son is given,
Unto us a child is born;

**He who is mighty has done a great thing
Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting
Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame
Holy is His name!**

Oh, the freedom our Saviour won,
The yoke of sin has been broken;
Once a slave, now by grace,
No more condemnation!

Unto us a Son is given,
Unto us a child is born;

CHORUS

Now my soul magnifies the Lord,
I rejoice in the God Who saves!
I will trust His unfailing love,
I will sing His praises all my days!

CHORUS

Luke 2:1-7

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. *NIV®*

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 our eyes at last shall see him,
through 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 has gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by
We shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

Luke 2:8-20

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. *NIV®*

While Shepherds Watched

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around.

“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds.
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.”

“To you in David’s town this day
Is Born of David’s line
A Saviour who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:”

“The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swaddling clothes
And in a manger laid.”

“All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.”

Matthew 2:1-12

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. *NIV®*

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts, we travel 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 the perfect light.

“Born a king on Bethlehem’s plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign”

CHORUS

“Frankincense for Jesus have I,
God on earth yet priest on high
Prayer and praising all men raising:
worship is earth’s reply”

CHORUS

“Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
tells of His death and Calvary’s gloom:
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in a stone-cold tomb”

CHORUS

Glorious now, behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice:
Heaven sings out alleluia
“Amen” the earth replies!

CHORUS

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What Child is This

What child is this, who, laid 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".

Why lies He in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through,
the cross be borne for me and you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
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.

Matthew 28:1-10

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." *NIV®*

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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!

True God of true God,
Light of light eternal;
He who abhors not the virgin's womb.
Son of the Father, begotten, not created:

CHORUS

Sing choirs of angels,
sing in exultation;
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above:
“Glory to God, glory in the highest!”

CHORUS

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born that happy morning;
Jesus, to You be all glory given!
Word of the Father, then in flesh appearing:

CHORUS

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 Saviour is born;
Christ the Saviour 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.

Silent night, holy night;
Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing,
"Alleluia!" to our King;
Christ the Saviour is born;
Christ the Saviour is born.

John 20:30-31

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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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 earth! The Saviour 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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make His blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love.



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