

Hymns for Christmas Eve 2023

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

MENDELSSOHN 1.1.1.1.D. with Refrain

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831-1915



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored: Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!



Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.

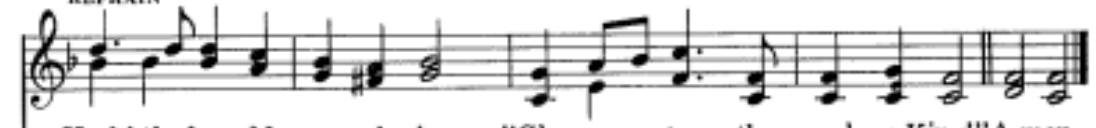


Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.

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Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!" A - men.



The First Nowell

*Traditional English Carol*THE FIRST NOWELL *Irregular with Refrain*
Traditional English Melody

1 The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say, Was to
2 They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where
in the east, be - yond them far, And to the

they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's
earth it gave great light, And so it con -

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night that was so deep.
tin - ued both day and night.
star wher - ev - er it went. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now -

ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

In the Bleak Midwinter

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Christina G. Rossetti, 1872; alt.



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Our God tran-scends all heav - en, earth, and its do - main;



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heaven and earth shall flee a-way when Christ comes to reign;



Snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed the



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
sov - ereign God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Latin: John F. Wade, 1711-1786
 Tr. Frederick Oakley, 1802-1880, and others

ADESTE FIDELES *Irregular*
 John F. Wade's "Cantus Diversi," 1751

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 3 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!
 We would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 Who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord! A-men.

Silent Night, Holy Night

*Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848**Tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885*STILLE NACHT *Irregular**Franz Gruber, 1787-1863*

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep-herds quake at the sight,

Round yon vir - gin moth-er and child, Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
 Glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far, Heav-en-ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;

Sleep in heav-en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!