Carols & Christmas Songs

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38. 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

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37. 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," he said, 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 The Savior who is Christ the Lord And this shall be the sign."

> "The heavenly Babe You there shall find To human view displayed And meanly wrapped In swathing bands And in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph, And forthwith Appeared a shining throng Of angels praising God, who thus Addressed their joyful song

"All glory be to God on high And to the earth be peace; Goodwill henceforth From heaven to men Begin and never cease!"

1. Angels from the realms of glory

Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Chorus Come and worship, Christ the newborn King. Come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night, God with man is now residing, Yonder shines the infant Light;

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star;

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear, Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear:

2. Away In A Manger

Away in a manger, No crib for His bed The little Lord Jesus Laid 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 poor Baby wakes But little Lord Jesus No crying He makes

I love Thee, Lord Jesus Look down from the sky And stay by my side, 'Til 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 take us to heaven To live with Thee there

36. What Child Is This? (Greensleeves)

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, for 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!

35. 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; 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

3. Born in the night

Born in the night, Mary's child. A long way from your home: Coming in need, Mary's child, Born in a borrowed room.

Clear shining light, Mary's child, Your face lights up our way: Light of the world, Mary's child, Dawn on our darkened day.

Truth of our life, Mary's child, You tell us God is good: Prove it is true, Mary's child. Go to your cross of wood.

Hope of the world, Mary's child, You're coming soon to reign: King of the earth, Mary's child, Walk in our streets again.

4. Calypso Carol

See him lying on a bed of straw Draughty stable with an open door Mary cradling the babe she bore The prince of glory is his name.

Chorus: Oh, now carry me to Bethlehem To see the Lord appear to men Just as poor as was the stable then The prince of glory when he came.

Star of silver sweeps across the skies Show where Jesus in the manger lies Shepherds swiftly from your stupor rise To see the Saviour of the world.

Mine are riches from thy poverty From thine innocence, eternity Mine, forgiveness by thy death for me Child of sorrow, for my joy.

Angels, sing again the song you sang Bring God's glory to the heart of man Sing, "Bethlehem's little baby can Be salvation to the soul."

34. 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 thy 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

Frankincense to offer have I Incense owns a Deity nigh Prayer and praising, all men raising Worship Him, God most high

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

Glorious now behold Him arise King and God and Sacrifice Alleluia, Alleluia Earth to heav'n replies

33. Walking in a 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.

In the meadow we can build a snowman, And pretend that he's a circus clown We'll have lots of fun with mister snowman, Until the other kids knock him down.

When it snows, ain't it thrilling, Though your nose gets a chilling We'll frolic and play, the Eskimo way, Walking in a winter wonderland.

5. Coventry Carol

Lullay, Thou little tiny Child, By, by, lully, lullay. Lullay, Thou little tiny Child. By, by, lully, lullay.

O sisters, too, how may we do, For to preserve this day; This poor Youngling for whom we sing, By, by, lully, lullay.

Herod the King, in his raging, Charged he hath this day; His men of might, in his own sight, All children young, to slay.

Then woe is me, poor Child, for Thee, And ever mourn and say; For Thy parting, nor say nor sing, By, by, lully, lullay.

6. Ding Dong Merrily On High

Ding dong merrily on high, In heav'n the bells are ringing: Ding dong! verily the sky Is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, Let steeple bells be swungen, And "Io, io, io!" By priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime Your matin chime, ye ringers; May you beautifully rime Your evetime song, ye singers. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

32. The Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me

A partridge in a pear tree. 2 turtle doves 3 French hens 4 calling birds 5 gold rings 6 geese a-laying 7 swans a-swimming 8 maids a-milking 9 ladies dancing 10 lords a-leaping 11 pipers piping 12 drummers drumming

31. The Sussex Carol (On Christmas Night)

On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring (repeat) News of great joy news of great mirth News of our merciful King's birth

Then why should men on earth be so sad Since our Redeemer made us glad (repeat) When from our sin he set us free All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace Then life and health come in its place (repeat) Angels and men with joy may sing All for to see the new born King Chorus

All out of darkness we have light Which made the angels sing this night (repeat) Glory to God and peace to men Now and forever more, Amen.

7. God Rest You 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 power When we were gone astray

Chorus 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 The which His Mother Mary Did nothing take in scorn

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.

"Fear not then," said the Angel, "Let nothing you affright, This day is born a Saviour Of a pure Virgin bright, To free all those who trust in Him From Satan's power and might."

The shepherds at those tidings Rejoiced much in mind, And left their flocks a-feeding In tempest, storm and wind: And went to Bethlehem straightway The Son of God to find. And when they came to Bethlehem Where our dear Saviour lay, They found Him in a manger, Where oxen feed on hay; His Mother Mary kneeling down, Unto the Lord did pray.

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 All other doth deface.

30. The First Noel

The First Noel, the Angels 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.

> Chorus 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.

And by the light of that same star Three Wise men came from country far To seek for a King was their intent And to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest O'er Bethlehem it took its rest And there it did both Pause and stay Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those Wise men three Full reverently upon their knee And offered there in His presence Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord That hath made Heaven and earth of nought And with his blood mankind has bought.

29. The Angel Gabriel

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honor thee, Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said, "My soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say, "Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

8. Good Christian Men Rejoice

Good Christian men rejoice With heart and soul and voice! Give ye heed to what we say News! News! Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before Him bow And He is in the manger now Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice With heart and soul and voice Now ye hear of endless bliss Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this He hath ope'd the heav'nly door And man is blessed evermore Christ was born for this

Good Christian men, rejoice With heart and soul and voice Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save Calls you one and calls you all To gain His everlasting hall Christ was born to save

9. 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 Gath'ring 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 him thither." Page and monarch forth they went Forth they went together Through the rude wind's wild lament And the bitter weather

"Sire, the night is darker now And the wind blows stronger Fails my heart, I know not 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."

28. 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

27. See Amid The Winter's Snow

See, amid the winter's snow, Born for us on Earth below, See, the tender Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years.

Chorus:

Hail, thou ever blessed morn, Hail redemption's happy dawn, Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies; He who, throned in height sublime, Sits among the cherubim.

Say, ye holy shepherds, say, What your joyful news today; Wherefore have ye left your sheep On the lonely mountain steep?

"As we watched at dead of night, Lo, we saw a wondrous light: Angels singing 'Peace On Earth' Told us of the Saviour's birth."

Sacred Infant, all divine, What a tender love was Thine, Thus to come from highest bliss Down to such a world as this.

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, By Thy face so meek and mild, Teach us to resemble Thee, In Thy sweet humility. 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

10. Hark The Herald Angel Sing

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

Chorus Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n 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 man to dwell Jesus, our Emmanuel

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings Ris'n 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

26. Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town

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

He's making a list, Checking it twice; Gonna find out who's naughty or nice. Santa Claus is coming to town Santa Claus is coming to town 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

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

> You better watch out You better not cry You better not pout I'm telling you why Santa Claus is coming to town Santa Claus is coming to town

25. People Look East

People, look east. The time is near Of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there:Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim, Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming With the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

11. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Have yourself a merry little Christmas, Let your heart be light From now on our troubles will be out of sight

Have yourself a merry little Christmas, Make the Yule-tide gay, From now on our troubles will be miles away.

> Here we are as in olden days, Happy golden days of yore. Faithful friends who are dear to us Gather near to us once more.

Through the years We all will be together, If the Fates allow Hang a shining star upon the highest bough. And have yourself a merry little Christmas now.

12. Here We Come a-Wassailing

Here we come a-wassailing Among the leaves so green, Here we come a-wand'ring So fair to be seen.

Chorus Love and joy come to you, And to you your wassail, too, And God bless you, and send you A Happy New Year,

We are not daily beggers That beg from door to door, But we are neighbors' children Whom you have seen before

Good master and good mistress, As you sit beside the fire, Pray think of us poor children Who wander in the mire.

We have a little purse Made of ratching leather skin; We want some of your small change To line it well within.

> Bring us out a table And spread it with a cloth; Bring us out a cheese, And of your Christmas loaf.

God bless the master of this house, Likewise the mistress too; And all the little children That round the table go.

24. Past Three O Clock

Chorus Past three o'clock, On a cold frosty morning, Past three o'clock, Good morrow masters all.

> Born is a baby, Gentle as may be, Son of the eternal, Father supernal.

Seraph choir singeth, Angel bell ringeth, Hark how they rhyme it, Time it and chime it!

> Mid earth rejoices Hearing such voices. Ne'ertofore so well Carolling nowell!

Hinds o'er the pearly Dewy lawn early Seek the high stranger Laid in the manager.

Cheese from the dairy Bring they for mary, And, not for money, Butter and honey.

Light out of star-land Leadeth from far land Princes, to meet him, Worship and greet him.

Myrrh from full coffer, Incense they offer; Nor is the golden Nugget withholden.

Thus they: I pray you, Up sirs, nor stay you Till ye confess him Likewise and bless him.

23. 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.

For He is our childhood's pattern; Day by day, like us, He grew; He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles, like us He knew; And He cares when we are sad, And he shares when we are glad.

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 is gone.

13. In the bleak mid-winter

In the bleak mid-winter Frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak mid-winter Long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him Nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign: In the bleak mid-winter A stable-place sufficed The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

> Angels and archangels May have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim Thronged the air -But only His mother In her maiden bliss Worshipped the Beloved With a kiss.

What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man I would do my part; Yet what I can, I give Him -Give my heart.

14. I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In.

I saw three ships come sailing in On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day; On Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three,

The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,

Pray, wither sailed those ships all three,

O they sailed into Bethlehem,

And all the bells on earth shall ring,

And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,

And all the souls on earth shall sing,

Then let us all rejoice again,

22. 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 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 to us today We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell O come to us, abide with us Our Lord Emmanuel

21. Oh Come Emanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny ; From depths of hell Thy people save, And give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heav'nly home ; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Rejoice ! Rejoice ! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

15. It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

It came upon the 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' 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 over its Babel sounds The bless vr (Rd angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suffered long; Beneath the angel strain have rolled Two thousand years of wrong; And man, at war with man, hears not The love-song which they bring; O hush the noise, ye men of strife And hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing! For lo! the days are hastening on, By prophet-bards foretold, When with the ever circling years Comes round the age of gold; When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling, And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing.

20. 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;

> Chorus: 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 you citizens of heaven above. Glory to God in the Highest;

Hail! Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning, O Jesus! for evermore be Thy name adored. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

19. Love Came Down At Christmas

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love Divine, Love was born at Christmas, Star and Angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love Incarnate, Love Divine, Worship we our Jesus, But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, Love shall be yours and love be mine, Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign.

16. 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: Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one horse open sleigh Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In 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 upsot

17. 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.

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.

18. Little Donkey

Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road Got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load Been a long time, little donkey, through the winters night Don't give up now, little donkey, Bethlehem's in sight

> Chorus: Ring out those bells tonight Bethlehem, Bethlehem Follow that star tonight Bethlehem, Bethlehem

Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way Little donkey, little donkey, journey's end is near There are wisemen waiting for a sign to bring them here

Do not falter little donkey, there's a star ahead It will guide you, little donkey, to a cattle shed Little donkey, little donkey, had a heavy day Little donkey, carry Mary, safely on her way Little donkey, carry Mary, safely on her way