

CHRISTMAS OR CHRISTMAS DAY (Old English: Crstesmsse, meaning "Christ's Mass") is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed generally on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. A feast central to the Christian liturgical year, it closes the Advent season and initiates the twelve days of Christmastide, which ends after the twelfth night. Christmas is a public holiday in many of the world's nations, is celebrated culturally by a large number of non-Christian people, and is an integral part of the Christmas and holiday season. around the Christmas season, which tends to begin in the months leading up to the actual holiday and end in the weeks shortly thereafter. Music was an early feature of the Christmas season and its celebrations. The earliest chants, litanies, and hymns were Latin works intended for use during the church liturgy, rather than popular songs. The 13th century saw the rise of the carol written in the vernacular, under the influence of Francis of Assisi. In the Middle Ages, the English combined circle dances with singing and called them carols. Later, the word carol came to France and Germany, and later to England. Christmas carols in English first appear in a 1426 work of John Audelay, a Shropshire priest and poet, who lists 25 "caroles of Cristemas", probably sung by groups of wassailers, who went from house to house.[1] Music in itself soon became one of the greatest tributes to Christmas, and Christmas music includes some of the noblest compositions of the great musicians. (Ref Wikipedia) Also Check out our Christmas Carol Music Videos on YouTube These transcriptions are made by many different individuals from all over the world for their own research and instruction and as such should not be considered definitive "official" versions, or representative of any particular artist or performance. 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Stall Who Is He In Yonder Of Hallelujah Wonder Of The Story Wonderful Counselor Wonderful Night Ye Happy Bells Ye Heavenly Choir Ye Simple Men Of Hearts Sincere Yule Returns Zion Is Glad This Stewhich are included with other collections, e.g. the Children's Songs section contains quite a few. 19 December 2023, 14:35 From O Little Town of Bethlehem to Gaudete, here are some of the most beautiful Christmas carols ever written. From music lovers and churchgoers, to people all around the world who celebrateChristmas hats and found the most enduring Christmas carols, and the most beautiful performances of them. Read more: The 20 best pieces of classical Christmas music 1. O Holy NightPlacide Cappeau, a wine seller from southern France, was asked by the local parish priest to write a festive poem in 1847 to celebrate the church organs renovation. Cappeau felt it should be accompanied by music, so approached his friend Adolphe Charles Adams. Adams text reflects on the birth of Jesus and of humanitys redemption. Listen on Global Player: Classic FM Christmas live playlist 2. Silent NightOriginally written in German, Stille Nachtwas composed in 1818 by Franz Xaver Gruber with lyrics by Joseph Mohr, and was translated to English in 1859. During the Christmas truce of 1914 during World War I, the carol was sung simultaneously by English and German troops. Read more: What are the lyrics to Silent Night, and what is the story of the Christmas carol? 3. In the Bleak Mid-Winter Gustav Holst versionBased on a poem by the English poet Christina Rossetti this carol was written sometime before 1872 in response to a magazine request for a Christmas poem. The poem became recognised as a carol after it appeared inThe English Hymnalin 1906, with music by Gustav Holst. Read more: What are the lyrics to In The Bleak Mid-Winter Harold Darke versionNothing says Christmas like a choral arrangement of In The Bleak Midwinter. But which one should you choose? Theres the popular version by Holst, or an arrangement by choral whizz Bob Chilcott but youre probably most likely to hear Harold Edward Darkes setting. The choir of Kings College, Cambridge use it every year at Christmas.5. Hark! The Herald Angels SingWith lyrics written by Charles Wesley, and set to a tune by Mendelssohn, this carol was always going to be one of the most recognisable and popular ones on the list. Its also got a cracking descant. 6. O Come All Ye Faithfullt is unclear who first wrote the music or lyrics to this hymn. Possible candidates include King Johr IV of Portugal and John Francis Wade, while composersHandelandGluck have been suggested as the brains behind the melody. The hymn also features in the 1992 filmHome Alone 2: Lost in New York, when it is played by a symphony orchestra at Carnegie Hall.Read more: What are the lyrics to O Come All Ye Faithful?7. O Come, O Come EmmanuelSung at both Advent and Christmas, this hymn originates from Latin but was translated to English in 1861. The music for the hymn was composed in such a way that both the English and Latin words can be used interchangeably. Read more: The lyrics and true story behind O Come, O Come, Emmanuel8. Coventry CarolThis carol can be traced all the way back to 16th-century England. The lyrics refer to the Massacre of the Innocents by King Herod, who in an attempt to ensure the death of all male children under the age of two in Bethlehem.9. O Little Town of BethlehemFollowing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Rector Phillips Brooks wrote the text to this hymn after he was inspired by the view of Bethlehem from the hills of Palestine. Three years later in 1871, his church organist Lewis Redner wrote the melody for the local Sunday school childrens choir.10. It Came Upon a Midnight ClearThe lyrics for this carol were written by Massachusetts pastor Edmund Sears and refer to ideas of was and peace. The most common musical setting was adapted from an English melody in 1874 by Arthur Sullivan.11. Once in Royal Davids CityBelieved to have first been published in the early nineteenth century, this carol paints a vivd picture of the nativity. The words were first been published in the early nineteenth century, this carol paints a vivd picture of the nativity. remembered for her hymn All Things Bright and Beautiful. The carol was set to music a year later by organist H.J Gauntlett. 12. In Dulci JubiloThis carol is a mixture of both German and Latin text, and dates back to the Middle Ages. Many composers have since been influenced by its melody, including Johann Sebastian Bach, Franz Liszt with his piance been influenced by its melody. suiteWeihnachtsbaum and Gustav Holst. And of course, theres Mike Oldfields unforgettably jaunty version13. Joy to the WorldRather than celebrating the birth of Christ, the text of this hymn represents Christs triumphant return. The words, dreamed up by English writer Isaac Watts, are based on the second half of Psalm 98 in the Bible. In the late 90s, it was named the most-published Christmas hymn in North America. You can just feel the merriness pouring out of it.14. God Rest Ye Merry, GentlemenOne of the oldest Christmas carols on the list, this dates back to at least the 16th century, possibly earlier. in early English it actually means something closer to remain bountiful, gentlemen.15. Away in a MangerThis late 19th-century carol is hugely popular with children. The melody was originally composed in 1884, Sussex Carolearneck.16. Sussex its name when Ralph Vaughan Williams set the text to music in the late 1800s, after he heard it being sung near Sussex.17. Shepherds Pipe CarolA carol which celebrates the piping of a shepherd boy on his way to see the baby Jesus at Bethlehem, this represents everything festive about John Rutter. The melody issprightly, syncopated and rhythmically taut, and Rutter composed it when he was just a school boy.18. The Three KingsWritten in 1857 by Peter Cornelius, this carol is designed so three male voices can sing a verse each to correspond with the three kings. The Choir of Kings College, Cambridge do it magnificently.19. Gabriels MessageThis carol represents the moment in the Bible when Angel Gabriel visits Mary, and declares she is to bear the son of God. The text quotes the Gospel of Luke, while the melody is taken from Basque tradition.20. Jesus Christ the Apple Tree Jesus Christ the Apple Tree of life, mentioned in Lukes Gospel. Its author and intended use are unknown, but the song is now performed as a carol by choirs around the world during Christmas season.21. Gaudete The oldest carol on the list, Gaudete is thought to have been composed in the late 16th century but its melody might even date back to the Middle Ages. Its Latin words simply translate as Rejoice, Jesus is born from the Virgin Mary! Rejoice!. Here is a brilliantly pulsing performance from The Kings Singers...22. The Holly and the ivy. Now, they are brought inside for good luck.23. Carol of the BellsApart from its urgent, catchy melody, its recent popularity is probably down to an arrangement by John Williams written for the 1990 Christmas stapleHome Alone. Heres Katie Melua and the Gori Womens Choir with the original 1914 Ukrainian version, The Little Swallow. 24. See Amid the Winters SnowAlso known as Hymn for Christmas Day, this 19th century English carol was written by Edward Caswall with music by Sir John Goss, an organist at St Pauls Cathedral and a professor at the Royal Academy of Music.25. Ding Dong! Merrily on HighWith celebratory bell-ringing and a cheery chorus of Glorias, its near impossible to dislike thiswonderfully festive carol. The tune first appeared as a secular dance tune, in a book on dance written by Jehan Tabourot.26. Candlelight Carol john Rutters music is always popular at this time of year, and after hearing the soaring melodies of the Candlelight Carol john Rutters music is always popular at this time of year. killed by his wicked brother, Boleslaw the Bad. Wenceslass body lies in St Vituss Cathedral, Prague, and he was recently made a patron saint of the Czech Republic.28. Angels From the Realms of GloryWritten by Scottish poet James Montgomery and first printed on Christmas Eve 1816, this carol sounds just as beautiful today as it did almost 200 years ago.29. The First NowellThere's a misconception that The First Noel is French, because of the spelling of Nol. But it is actually of Cornish origin, with most hymn sheets opting for the old English Anglo-Saxon spelling, Nowell.30. What Sweeter MusicWith lyrics by 17th-century poet Robert Herrick, John Rutter composed this carol for the choir of Kings College, Cambridge for a performance during the colleges Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, which is broadcast around the world on Christmas carols. Plus, listen to ourClassic FM Christmas live playlist on Global Player. What follows are twenty-five Christmas songs about Jesus Christ*, ranging from traditional hymns and carols to modern worship songs. Our desire is that they would set your hope on the Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas. He alone can satisfy the longings of our dark and broken world because He alone is the Light of the World, the Bread of Life, and the Savior of sinners. Traditional Christmas Songs about Jesus Christ1. Angels We Have Heard on High by Anonymous/Unknown (translated by James Chadwick, 1862)Angels we have heard on high / Sweetly singing oer the plains, And the mountains in reply / Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! / Gloria in excelsis Deo! 2. Angels, From the Realms of Glory by James Montgomery (1816) Angels from the realms of glory / Wing your flight oer all the earth; Ye who sang creations story / Now proclaim Messiahs birth. Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship / Worship Christ, the newborn King.3. Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus by Charles Wesley (1745) Come, Thou long-expected Jesus / Born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us / Let us find our rest in Thee. Israels Strength and Consolation / Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear Desire of every nation / Joy of every longing heart. 4. For Unto us a Son is child is born / Unto us a Son is given, And the government shall be upon His shoulder/ And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God / The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace5. Go Tell It On the Mountain by an Unknown Author (1907) While shepherds kept their watching / Oer silent flocks by night, Behold, throughout the heavens / There shone a holy light.Refrain:Go, tell it on the mountain / Over the hills and everywhere;Go, tell it on the mountain / That Jesus Christ is born.6. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen by an Unknown Author (18th Century)God rest you merry, gentlemen / Let nothing you dismay,For Jesus Christ our Savior / Was born on Christmas DayTo save us all from Satans powr /When we were gone astray.Refrain:Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and jo is in the manger now.Christ is born today! Christ is born today! Hark! The Herald Angels Sing by Charles Wesley (1739) 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 thangelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!9. It Came Upon the Midnight Clear by Edmund Sears (1849)It came upon the midnight clear / That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth, good will to men / From Heavns all-gracious King. The world in solemn stillness lay / To hear the angels sing. 10. Joy To the World by Edmund Sears (1849)It came upon the midnight clear / That glorious song of old, From angels sing. 10. Joy To the World by Edmund Sears (1849)It came upon the midnight clear / That glorious song of old, From angels sing. 10. Joy To the World by Edmund Sears (1849)It came upon the midnight clear / That glorious song of old, From angels sing. 10. Joy To the World by Edmund Sears (1849)It came upon the midnight clear / That glorious song of old, From angels sing. 10. Joy To the World by Edmund Sears (1849)It came upon the midnight clear / That glorious song of old, From angels sing. 10. Joy To the World by Edmund Sears (1849)It came upon the midnight clear / That glorious song of old, From angels sing. 10. Joy To the World by Edmund Sears (1849)It came upon the midnight clear / The tear / The t Isaac Watts (1719)Joy to the world, the Lord is come! / Let earth receive her King;Let every heart prepare Him room / And heavn, and nature sing.11. Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent paraphrased by Gerard Moultrie (1864)Let all mortal flesh keep silence / And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded / For with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth /Our full homage to demand.12. O Come, All Ye Faithful by John F. Wade (1843)Oh, come, et us adore Him, oh, come, let us adore Him / Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.13. O Come, O Come Emmanuel / And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here / Until the Son of God appearRefrain: Rejoice! Emmanuel / Shall come to thee, O Israel.14. O Holy Night by Placide Cappeau (1847)Oh, holy night, the stars are brightly shiningIt is the night of the dear Saviors birth! Long lay the world in sin and error piningTill He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoicesFor yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees, oh, hear the angel voices!Oh, night divine, oh, night when Christ was born! Oh, night divine, oh, night, oh, night divine!15. O Little Town of Bethlehem by Phillips Brooks (1867)O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lieAbove thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting LightThe 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 wondring love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birthAnd praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth! 16. Silent Night by Joseph Mohr (1863) Silent night, holy night! / All is calm, all is brightRound yon virgin mother and Child / Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace / Sleep in heavenly peace. 17. What Child Is This? by William C. Dix (1865) What Child is this who, laid to rest / On Marys lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet / While shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King / Whom shepherds watch and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace. guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring Him laud / The Babe, the Son of Mary. Contemporary & Modern Christmas Songs about Jesus Christ18. Welcome to Our World by Chris Rice (1997) Tears are falling, hearts are breaking / How we need to hear from GodYouve been waiting / Welcome Holy Child ChildHope that you dont mind our manger / How I wish we would have knownBut long-awaited Holy Stranger /Make Yourself at home / Please make Yourself at hom Weary of praying, come / See what your God has doneChorus: Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you20. In the First Light by Glad (1988)In the first light of a new day / No one knew He had arrivedThings continued as they had been / While a new born softly cried. But the heavens wrapped in wonder / Knew the meaning of His birthIn the weakness of a baby / They knew God had come to earth.As His mother held him closely / It was hard to understandThat this baby not yet speaking / Was the Word of God to man.21. To the Mystery by Michael Card (1987)When the Father longed to show / A love He wanted us to knowHe sent His only Son and so / Became a holy embryoThat is the Mystery / More than you can see Give up on your pondering / And fall down on your knees22. Sing We the Song of Emmanuel by Matt Bowsell and Matt Papa (2015)Sing we the song of Emmanuel / This the Christ who was long foretoldLo in the shadows of Bethlehem / Promise of dawn now our eyes beholdGod Most High in a manger laid / Lift your voices and now proclaimGreat and glorious Love has come to us / Join now with the hosts of heaven23. Mary, Did You Know by Mark Lowry (1984), music by Buddy Greene (1991)Mary, did you know / that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water?Mary, did you know / that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water?Mary, did you know / that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water?Mary, did you know / that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water?Mary, did you know / that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water?Mary, did you know / that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water?Mary, did you know / that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water?Mary, did you know / that your Baby Boy would one day walk on water your Baby Boy has come to make you new? This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you. 24. Gather Round, Ye Children, come / By an infant born of glorySon of God, Son of ManGather round, remember now / How creation held its breathHow it let out a sigh / And it filled up the sky with the angelsSon of God, Son of Man25. Born in Bethlehem by Third Day (2006)Baby Jesus, born in a stable / Humble Saviors birthYou left Your throne in Heaven above / To live here on the earthBaby Jesus, lying in a manger / Crying for the worldThe angels told the shepherds / Of the good news for us allHallelujah, the King is here / Given for all menFor today the holy son of God / Is born in Bethlehem You may also enjoy: Christmas Light Shines on Humanitys Wounds**Disclaimer: Links to Spotify or YouTube do not carry any artist endorsement other than the original song and lyrics. MediaHymnsMusicPrograms and Events BP-Pub-1 No surprises with the Top 5 most popular Christmas hymns & carols - but what about the other Christmas songs in the list of the 50 Most Loved Christmas hymns & carols? Enjoy the lovely words and lyrics of traditional and classic Christian hymns and songs in the 50 Most Loved Hymns & Carols list. Have a great time searching our extensive list of the 50 Most Loved online Christmas hymns & carols lyrics. 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(1,387) Hark! the herald angels sing (974) Brightest and best of the sons of the morning (870) When shepherds watched their flocks by night (452) O come, all ye faithful (450)As with gladness men of old (441)Come, thou long-expected Jesus (362)Away in a manger (332)O come, O come Emmanuel (326)Thou dist leave thy throne (285)Calm on the listening ear of night (283)The first Noel the angel did say (272)We three kings of Orient are (231)All my heart this night rejoices (203)There's a song in the air (160)Wake, awake, for night is flying (157)Angels we have heard on high (144)Good Christian men [friends], rejoice (134)Shepherds, rejoice! lift up your eves (122)What child is this who, laid to rest (111)From heaven above to earth I come (106)Christians awake, salute the happy morn (102)See amid the winter's snow (101)[List edited: see comments below] Its the most melodious time of the year. Even if youre not religious, many people enjoy soaking up the blessed sounds of Christmas hymns and carols during the lyrics to popular Christmas hymns like O Come All Ye Faithful or God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen, you may not know that some of these songs date back several centuries. Hymns, songs and poems honoring Jesus, the Holy Spirit and creator God, have been a part of the Christian tradition since bible times, says Jo Hayes, an etiquette expert and founder of Etiquette Expert.org, who is also a Benedictine Oblate. The Holy Spirit and creator God, have been a part of the faithful to regularly, and continually, sing praises to God. But the specific tradition of Christmas hymns, honoring the birth of Jesus, are typically traced to 4th-century Rome, continues Hayes, an international Catholic evangelist who hosts silent spiritual retreats at abbeys and monasteries all around the world. Christmas hymns celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world at Christmas and offer a way for us to enter into the joy of this season each year. One of the beautiful things about these hymns is that they can be performed in so many different ways yet retain their same meaning, echoes Joe Fredrickson, director of content partnerships at the religious app Hallow, based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In the Catholic tradition and many other Christian traditions, the four weeks or so before Christmas are known as Advent, which means coming or arrival. Advent hymns and focus on the themes of waiting, hope, and anticipation for Jesus coming into the world, adds Fredrickson, who has an M.A. in theology from the University of Notre Dame.Whether youre gathering around your Christmas tree or just curious about what catchy tune you overheard carolers singing this yuletide season, read on for an overview of some of the most popular Christmas hymns around.Come Thou Long Expected JesusThis hymn written in 1744 by Christian cleric Charles Wesley was inspired by the hymn writer witnessing the needs of the poor and marginalized in British society, says Fredrickson. He was also inspired by the words of Haggai 2:7, which says: I will shake all the nations, so that the treasures of all the nations, so that the treasures of all the nations will come in. And I will fill this house with glorysays the Lord of hosts, he comments, further highlighting that this hymn gives us a sense of pilgrimage throughout the Advent season. Veni Redemptor Gentium. Around 1000 AD, the Christmas sequence, developed by St Bernard of Clairvaux, was introduced to monasteries in Northern Europe, she says. A few more centuries on, around 1300 AD, across Europe, largely under the leadership of St Francis of Assisi, there was a strong uplift in writing/singing Christmas songs in regional native languages, she continues, noting that the Christmas hymns were sung by monks and nuns, in abbeys, monasteries, churches and cathedrals, as well as by lay people, walking in groups from house to house.Good King WenceslasDid you know that Good King Then, in the 1850s, an English priest named John Mason Neale wrote the modern-day version of the age-old melody. And yes, Wenceslas was an actual person; he served as the Duke of Bohemia.O SapientiaTalk about an oldie but goodie. Since the eighth century, the Catholic Church has been singing the O Antiphons of Advent, in the seven days leading up to Christmas Day, explains Hayes. These are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23, she continues. O Adonai Ad Radiant Dawn, O King of all nations, O Emmanuel. This beautiful tribute to God, O Adonai uses the Hebrew word for God, Adonai, which also translates to lord."We Three KingsRemember singing along to this one in the grade school choir? This beloved Christmas hymn dates back to 1857. Written by clergyman and composer John Henry Hopkins Jr., the song chronicles the adventures of the Magi as they follow the star bearing gifts to Jesus upon his birth. The opening verse We three kings of Orient are / bearing gifts we traverse afar / field and fountain, moor and mountain / following vonder star, may be simple, but its wonderfully evocative and poetic. Gaudete The third Sunday in Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, which is Latin for Rejoice, offers Hayes. This is the Sunday we light the rose-colored advent candle (the other three are purple). Per Hayes, this sacred hymn is thought to have been composed in the 16th century. It was published in 1582, she continues of this ethereal and transcendental song. What Child Is This is set to the tune of English folk ballad Greensleeves, which dates back to the 16th century. The haunting melody elevates the song's joyful refrain: This, this is Christ the King, / Whom shepherds guard and angels sing; / Haste, haste to bring him laud, / The babe, the son of Mary. It Came Upon A Midnight Clear from composerRichard Storrs Willis to accompany his poetic lyrics. The 1850 hymn is still popular in church services across the country, beginning with the soaring lines "It came upon the midnight clear, / That glorious song of old, / From angels bending near the earth / To touch their harps of gold." O Little Town of Bethlehem' was written and composed for a Sunday school Christmas service. The lyrics describe the night of Jesus' birth in the sleepy town of Bethlehem. O Come All Ye Faithful^o Come, All Ye Faithful^o Come, All Ye Faithful^o is also known by its original title "Adeste Fideles." The hymn was first published in Latin in 1751, and the English version, the English version, the English version, the english version we know today was published just over a century later. 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In the Bleak Midwinter The lyrics of In the Bleak Midwinter" come from an 1872 poem by Christina Rossetti. The final stanza is especially touching: "What can I give Him / Poor as I am? / If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb / If I were a wise man, I would do my part / Yet what I can, I give Him / Give my heart." Angels We Have Heard on HighInspired by a French Christmas carol of the mid 1800s and set to the tune of the mid 1800s and set to the tune of the ancient hymn Gloria, this song is a glorious musical celebration of the birth of Christ. Even if you cant carry much of a tune or dont know a word of Latin, its hard not to get caught up in the Christmas spirit and give it your best shot on the famous refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo! God Rest Ye, Merry GentlemenVersions of this song date back to the mid 1600s, which is why the title might give us pause today. Today, the song's name would translate to May God grant you peace and happiness. The infant Jesus is the source of this peace and happiness: Remember Christ our Saviour was born upon this day / To save us all from Satans power / When we were gone astray / O tidings of comfort and joy. Christmas CanonMost of the lyrics in this relatively new classic are quite simple notably the repetition of On this night, on this very Christmas night. But theyre set to the tune of Pachelbels Canon in D and sung by a childrens choir, so that simplicity is elevated to something exquisite. In The First LightThis song, written by Bob Kauflin, reflects on the wonder of the baby Jesus birth and what it would mean for humankind. Hear the angels as theyre singing / On the morning of His birth / But how much greater will our song be / When He comes again to Earth.Silent NightSilent NightSilent Night was written in 1818 by Father Joseph Mohr and composed by Franz Xaver Gruber. At the time, it was performed with guitar accompaniment during an almost silent night at Father Mohrs church in a small Austrian town because the organ had sustained damage after flooding. The song has become a cherished if not somber Christmas carol over the centuries, and it was declared an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO in 2011. Children, Go Where I Send Thee is a traditional African-American spiritual song. The counting aspect of the song the verses go up to include the 12 Apostles makes it appropriate for children to sing along. But people of all ages cant help but get swept up by (variations of) the repeated line: One for the little bitty baby / Born, born / Born in Bethlehem. I Saw Three ShipsNeed a mood boost during the hustle of the holiday season? The rousing, repetitive nature of this folksy tune demands some toe-tapping. No wonder it became a popular English Christmas carol, dating back to the 17th century. Mary's Boy ChildJester Hairston wrote this calypso-style song in 1956 for a birthday party. If the tune sounds a bit familiar, its because it's based on the popular children's song Bingo." The song became famous when it was recorded by Harry Belafonte; later, a faster-paced version by disco and funk vocal group Boney M was also well-received. The entire song is inherently joyful, but the line And man will live for evermore because of Christmas Day" is enough to send your heart soaring. Do You Hear What I Hear?Sometimes a Christmas song pulls double duty. Take the classic Do You Hear What I Hear? which was written by Nol Regney and Gloria Shane as a song for peace during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. It remains a peaceful selection in the Christmas repertoire and has been recorded by many artists throughout the years, including Whitney Houston and Carrie Underwood. Joy to the WorldSongwriter Isaac Watts took inspiration from the Bible Psalm 98, to be exact when writing Joy to the World." It was set to the tune of Antioch by George Frideric Handel, though we are more familiar with the 1848 arrangement by Lowell Mason. Many wont need to look at the lyrics to sing the first line, Joy to the world. "It was set to the tune of Antioch by George Frideric Handel, though we are more familiar with the 1848 arrangement by Lowell Mason. Many wont need to look at the lyrics to sing the first line, Joy to the world." King.Go Tell It on the MountainGo, Tell It on the Mountaintop? That Jesus Christ is born, of course. Biblically, the story is rooted in the story of the shepherds in Luke 2:8-20, when they spread the news of the birth of Jesus. The famous song even lent its namesake to James Baldwins Go Tell It on the Mountain, published in 1953. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing depicts an angelic chorus welcoming the infant Jesus: Glory to the newborn king. The song is pure joy, and if you have ever seen the Christmas classic Its a Wonderful Life, then youll know this tune along with Auld Lang Syne which provides a similarly wonderful conclusion to the film. Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)So many Christmas carols focus on the happiness of Jesus arrival, but they often overlook the fear and loneliness Mary must have felt regarding the birth of her precious baby. Amy Grants song shares her perspective: I am waiting in a silent prayer / I am frightened by the load I bear / In a world as cold as stone / Must I walk this path alone?Little Drummer Boy (Carol of the Drum)Written in in 1941 by Katherine Kennicott Davis, this Christmas classic was recorded 10 years later by the von Trapp Family yes, that von Trapp Family. It tells the story of a poor little boy who was summoned by the Magi, who have brought gifts to the infant Jesus. The little boy fears he has no proper gift except for the music of his drum, the pa-rum pum pum repeated throughout. His humble tune is indeed enough to please both Mary and her newborn. O Holy NightThis is what happens when you put Placide Cappeau's poem to Adolphe Adams music. In 1855, the French song was translated into English by John Sullivan Dwight, a Unitarian minister who is credited as the first American classical music critic of note. If ever there were lyrics to remind you of the true reason of Christmas, they are in this song: Fall on your knees, o hear the angels voices / O night divine, o night when Christ was born. These days, country crooner Brett Eldredge does a rendition of O Holy Night on his annual Glow tour, a holiday concert series that celebrates new and old Christmas (or in this case, Noel). The song features the shepherds who were keeping watch over their flocks in the field, as well as the Wise Men who came to honor the infant: Noel, No the 13th or 14th century. It was inspired by the Annunciation story in the Bible, in which the archangel Gabriel tells the Virgin Mary that she will give birth to the Son of God. I Heard the Bells on Christmas Bells, the 1863 poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, inspired this classic. The narrator is listening to the peal of the bells on Christmas Day during the Civil War and feels that the battling is making a mockery of what should be a time of peace and good will. Still, hope prevails, as seen in the lyrics: Then rang the bells more loud and deep / God is not dead, nor doth He sleep.Carol of the BellsBelieve it or not, Carol of the Bells wasnt always associated with Christmas. The song was first written in 1916 by Ukrainian composer Mykola Leontovich as a joyous folk song meant to usher in winter. It wasnt until the song was rewritten in the 1930s to include references to Christmas including the obvious phrase merry, EmmanuelTake it back to simpler times about 1,200 years, to be exact with this hymn, which was originally written in Latin and translated by John Mason Neale in 1851. Following the style of "O Antiphons," this Christmas classic isn't about a person per se, but rather a reminder that God is always with us. Barbara Bellesi ZitoPerri Ormont Blumberg Celebrate this holiday season with 25 of the best Christmas hymns to prepare your heart for the birth of Jesus Christ! Rejoice in the arrives, the Christmas season ushers in a unique sense of warmth, joy, and reflection. It's that special time of year when we gather with loved ones, exchange gifts, and celebrate the birth of our Savior. Amidst the twinkling lights, festive decorations, and heartwarming nativity scenes, there's one cherished tradition that truly captures the essence of the seasonsinging beautiful Christmas hymns. These hymns are not just songs; they are lyrical expressions deeply rooted in Scripture, evoking a profound sense of wonder and devotion. Whether you're seeking inspiration for your church's Christmas hymns will provide a heartwarming melody to sing along with. Listen to these beloved songs through the Advent season in joyful anticipation of Christ's birth and the fellowship of Christmas. Also, take time to thank God with Christmas prayers and refresh your knowledge of the Christmas Bible story. "Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you." ~ 2 Corinthians 13:11We hope vou enjoy these wonderful performances of the best Christmas hymns and songs of all time. Top 25 Heartwarming Christmas hymns are songs of praise and worship to God that are specifically written for the Christmas season. They are typically sung in church services, but they can also be heard in homes, schools, and other public places. Christmas hymns are often based on biblical stories and themes, and they often express the joy, peace, and hope that Christians associate with the birth of Jesus Christmas hymns are filled with stories and themes from the Bible, like the angels announcing Jesus's birth, the humble manger scene, and the wise men's journey. When we sing these hymns, we're not just making music; we're expressing our joy, peace, and hope in celebrating the birth of Jesus. So, whether you're at a church service or cozy by the fireplace at home, let the beauty of Christmas hymns fill your heart with the true spirit of the season. Away in a Manger" is a Christmas carol first written in the late nineteenth century and used broadly throughout the English-speaking world. This hymn centers around the adoration of newborn baby Jesus as he lays in a Manger" is a Christmas carol first written in the late nineteenth century and used broadly throughout the English-speaking world.

to "be near me" and "bless all the dear children."Away in a mangerNo crib for a bedThe little Lord JesusLaid down His sweet headThe stars in the bright skyLooked down where He layThe little Lord JesusLaid down from the skyAnd stay by my sideUntil morning is nighBe near me, Lord JesusI ask You to stayClose by me foreverAnd love me I prayBless all the dear childrenIn Your tender careAnd fit us for heavenTo live with You thereIt Came Upon a Midnight Clear" is a hymn and Christmas carol written by Edmund Sears, pastor of the Unitarian Church in Wayland, Massachusetts. Sears' lyrics are most regularly set to "Noel," modified by Arthur Sullivan from an English melody, or to "Carol," arranged by Richard Storrs Willis. This hymn centers around the theme of angelic singers sharing the message of "Peace on earth, good will to men." Discover the lyrics and story of this renowned hymn at Godtube.com.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, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace on the earth, To touch their harps of gold; Peace heavenly music floatsOer all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains, They bend on hovering wing, And ever over its Babel soundsThe blessd angels sing. Yet with the woes of sin and strifeThe world has suffered long; Beneath the angel strain have rolledTwo 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 strifeAnd hear the angels sing.And ye, beneath lifes crushing load, Whose forms are bending low, Who toil along the climbing wayWith painful steps and slow, Look now! for glad and golden hoursCome 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 yearsComes round the age of gold; When peace shall over all the earthIts ancient splendors fling, And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing. The First Noel," alternatively spelled as "The First Noel," alternatively specific terms origins dating back to the Middle Ages. The word "Noel" used in the hymn is an intriguing piece of linguistic history. In Early Modern English, "Noel" served as a synonym for "Christmas," shedding light on the linguistic history. In Early Modern English, "Noel" served as a synonym for "Christmas," shedding light on the linguistic history. chapels and voices joined in melodic celebration as it continues to enchant generations with its evocative lyrics and beautiful melody. Delve into the layers of history and meaning that make "The First Noel" a cherished part of the Christmas season's musical tapestry, transcending time to connect us with the rich heritage of yuletide festivities. The first Noel the angel did sayWas to certain poor shepherdsIn fields as they lay; In fields where they lay tending their sheep, On a cold winters night that was so deep. Noel, Noel by the light of that same starThree 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 night over the place where Jesus lay. Then did they know assuredly. Within that house the King did lie; One entered it them for to see, And found the Babe in poverty. Then entered in those wise men three, Full reverently upon the knee, And offered there, in His presence, Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Between an ox stall and an ass, This Child truly there He was; For want of clothing they did Him layAll in a manger, among the hay. Then let us all with one accordSing praises to our heavnly Lord; That hath made Heavn and earth of naught, And with His blood mankind hath bought. If we in our time shall do well, We shall be free from death and hell; For God hath prepared for us allA resting place in general. O Little Town of BethlehemThis beloved hymn was written by Phillips Brooks in 1868. It is a meditation on the humble beginnings of Jesus Christ, and it is a reminder that God can come to us in the most unexpected places. The lyrics refer to the town of Bethlehem, where Jesus was born of Mary. This hymn describes the setting of Christ's birth and the wondrous gift that would be his life, teachings, and sacrifice.O little town of BethlehemHow still we see thee lieAbove thy deep and dreamless sleepThe silent stars go byYet in thy dark streets shinethThe everlasting lightThe hopes and fears of all the yearsAre met in thee tonightFor Christ is born of MaryAnd gathered all aboveWhile mortals sleep, the angels keepTheir watch of wondering loveO morning stars togetherProclaim thy holy birthAnd praises sing to God the KingAnd peace to men on earthO little town of BethlehemHow still we see thee lieAbove thy deep and dreamless sleepThe silent stars go byYet in thy dark streets shinethThe everlasting lightThe hopes and fears of all the yearsAre met in thee tonightO Come, O Come Emmanuel"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is a Christian hymn for Advent and Christmas written by John Mason Neale. This glorious hymn calls upon various divine bodies to give wisdom, salvation, victory, and safety, among other requests. Listen to a beautiful traditional version of this renowned hymn: O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! EmmanuelShall come to thee, O Israel.O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high, And cheer us by, And give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! EmmanuelShall come to thee, O Israel.O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high, And cheer us by, And give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! EmmanuelShall come to thee, O Israel.O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high, And cheer us by, And give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! EmmanuelShall come to thee, O Israel.O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high, And cheer us by, And give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! EmmanuelShall come to thee, O Israel.O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high, And cheer us by, And give them victory o'er the grave. 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O come, Thou Key of David, comeAnd open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, Thou Key of David, comeAnd open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, Adonai, Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height, In ancient times didst give the lawIn cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! EmmanuelShall come to thee, O Israel. Joy to the World" are by English writer Isaac Watts, inspired by Psalm 98, 96:11-12 and Genesis 3:17-18. As of the late 20th century "Joy to the World" was the most-published Christmas hymn in North America. This hymn is a "joyous" celebration of the sovereignty of God and the gift of Jesus. Joy to the world the Lord is comeLet earth receive her kingLet every heart prepare Him roomAnd heaven and nature singAnd heaven and Heaven and Heaven and nature singWe will sing, singJoy to the worldWe will sing, singJoy to the world the savior reignsLet men their songs employWhile fields and floods rocks hills and plainsRepeat the sounding joyRepeat the sounding joyRepeat the sounding joyRepeat the sounding ing, singJoy to the worldWe will sing, singJoy to the world with truth and graceAnd makes the nations proveThe glories of His loveAnd wonders, wonders of His loveAnd wonders, wonders of His loveAnd wonders, wonders of glory, Lord o Lord of loveAnd hearts unfold like flowers before TheeOpening to the sun aboveO Come All Ye FaithfulThis Latin hymn was written in the 11th or 12th century. It is a call to worship the newborn king, Jesus Christ, and it is a popular choice for Advent and Christmas Eve services. This popular Christmas Hymn harkens to the biblical story of the birth of Christ. It is considered a reference to the shepherds, after hearing the angels singing, coming to Bethlehem to adore their new-born savior. Today, this hymn signifies and celebrates our coming together in worship to adore the loving blessing of Jesus as He sacrificed himself for our salvation. Rejoice in the birth of Christ with aFREE 25 Days to a Joyful Christmas Prayer Guide!O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphantO come ye, o come ye to BethlehemO come, all ye faithful to BethlehemO come, let us adore HimO come, all ye faithful to BethlehemO com faithfulO come, all ye faithfulO come, all ye faithful to BethlehemO sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultationO come, let us adore HimO beautiful hymn right around Christmas time. 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing' is an all-time classic, and it's been performed by numerous different artists over the years from a variety of genres. Today, we're learning more about this powerful Christmas hymn and the story behind its origins. There's truly nothing like singing these words with all your heart to our Father in Heaven above. Amen!This triumphant hymn was written by Charles Wesley in 1739. It is a celebration of the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!Peace on earth and mercy mildGod and sinners reconciled "Joyful, all ye nations riseJoin the triumph of the skiesWith the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem" Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!" Christ by highest heav'n adoredChrist the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him comeOffspring of a Virgin's wombMild He lays His glory by Born that man no more may dieBorn to raise the sons of earthBorn to give them second birthHark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"In the Bleak Mid-Winter" is a popular Christina Rossetti in the 19th century. Its lyrics poetically describe the birth of Jesus and the scene of His nativity. In verse one, Rossetti describes the physical circumstances of the Incarnation in Bethlehem. In verse two, Rossetti contrasts Christ's first and second coming.Listen to the popular version by Gustav Holst in the video below: In the bleak midwinterFrosty wind made moanEarth stood hard as ironWater like a stoneSnow had fallenSnow on snow, snow on snowIn the bleak midwinter, long, long agoOur God, Heaven cannot hold HimNor earth sustainHeaven and earth shall flee awayWhen He comes to reignIn the bleak mid-winterA stable-place sufficedLord God Almighty, Jesus ChristEnough for Him whom angels fall down beforeThe ox and ass and camelWhich adoreAngels and archangels may have gathered thereCherubim and seraphim thronged the airBut only His mother in her maiden blissWorshiped the BelovedWith a kissWhat can I give HimPoor as I am?If I were a shepherd, I would give a lambIf I were a wise man, I would do my partYet what I can, I give HimGive my heartGod Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" is a traditional English Christmas carol. It is also known as "Tidings of Comfort and Joy," the phrase that ends each stanza of the lyrics. This carol is an affirmation of the birth and salvation of Christ, recounting His nativity event and the love of God. Listen to a beautiful performance of this Christmas hymn by the family band The Petersens below!God rest ye merry gentlemenLet nothing you dismayRemember Christ our SaviorWas born on Christmas DayTo save us all from Satan's pow'rWhen we were gone astrayOh tidings of comfort and joyGod rest ye merry gentlemenLet nothing you dismayRemember Christ our SaviorWas born on Christmas DayTo save us all from Satan's pow'rWhen we were gone astrayOh tidings of comfort and joyIn Bethlehem, in IsraelThis blessed Babe was bornAnd laid within a mangerUpon this blessed mornThe which His Mother MaryDid nothing take in scornOh tidings of comfort and joyComfort ye merry gentlemenLet nothing you dismayRemember Christ our SaviorWas born on Christmas born on Christ the Christmas story of Jesus' birth, Mohr wrote this hymn to celebrate the anticipation of the newborn savior. Discover the story of "Silent Night" on Godtube.com. We included another great performance by The Petersens for this famous Christmas hymn. Enjoy!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, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly hosts sing Alleluia, Christ the Saviour is born!Christ the Saviour is born! dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus Lord, at Thy birthJesus Lord, at Thy birthJesus Lord, at Thy birthO Holy NightThere's truly nothing better than hearing an old-fashioned Christmas song right around the holidays. One of those classic hymns is 'O Holy Night.' It brings up such great memories and thoughts of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It was truly a glorious night when Jesus was born. The angels rejoiced, and the whole world received their King. God granted us eternal salvation when He sent His Son to die for our sins. O holy night the stars are brightly shiningIt is the night of our dear Saviour's birthLong lay the world in sin and error piningTill He appearedAnd the soul felt its worthThe thrill of hope the weary world rejoicesAnd yonder breaks a new and glorious mornFall on your kneesOh hear the angel voicesO night divineO night d hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise weLet all within us praise His holy nameChrist is the LordOh praise His name foreverHis power and gloryEvermore evermore proclaimFall on your kneesOh hear the angel voicesO night on ight divineO night divine "Do You Hear What I Hear?" by Bing Crosby (1963)"Do You Hear What I Hear?" is a carol composed in October 1962, with lyrics by Nol Regney and music by Gloria Shayne Baker. The pair, married at the time, created this carol as an appeal for peace during the Cuban Missile Crisis. This carol's lyrics recall the birth of Jesus and the events surrounding the traditional Christmas story. This beautiful and moving song is a perfect reflection of the peace and tranquility of the Christmas season. Crosby's gentle vocals and the heartwarming lyrics make it a truly special listen. Do you hear what I hear? Said the night wind to the little lambDo you see what I see?) Way up in the sky, little lambDo you see what I see?(Do you see what I see?)A star, a star, dancing in the nightWith a tail as big as a kiteSaid the little lamb to the shepherd boyDo you hear what I hear?)A song, a song high above the treesWith a voice as big as the seaWith a voice as big as the seaSaid the shepherd boy to the mighty kingDo you know what I know? (Do you know what I know?) A Child, a Child shivers in the coldLet us bring him silver and goldLet us bring him silver and goldLet us bring him silver and goldSaid the king to the people everywhereListen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!) Pray for peace, people, everywhereListen to what I say!) The Child sleeping in the nightHe will bring us goodness and lightHe will bring u popular Christmas and Advent song that praises the coming of Jesus Christ. Wesley wrote "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" with the intent for people to remember Advent and Christmas as commemorating the Nativity of Jesus and sins release us,Let us find our rest in Thee.Israel's strength and consolation,Hope of all the earth Thou art;Dear desire of every longing heart.Born to reign in us forever,Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne. By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throneGo Tell It on the Mountain" is an African-American spiritual song, compiled by John Wesley Work, Jr., dating back to at least 1865, that has been sung and recorded by many gospel and secular performers. It is considered a Christmas hymn carol l because its lyrics celebrate the Nativity of Jesus.Go, tell it on the mountainOver the hills and everywhereGo, tell it on the mountainOver the hills and everywhereGo, tell it on the mountainOver the hills and everywhereGo. everywhereGo, tell it on the mountainThat Jesus Christ is bornThe shepherds feared and trembledWhen, lo! Above the EarthRang out the angel chorusThat hailed our Savior's birthGo, tell it on the mountainThat Jesus Christ is bornAnd brough us all salvationThat blessed Christmas mornGo, tell it on the mountainOver the hills and everywhereGo, tell it on the mountainThat Jesus Christ is bornThe Little Drummer Boy" is a beloved Christmas carol written by American composer Katherine Kennicott Davis in 1941. First recorded in 1951 by the Trapp Family Singers, it gained immense popularity with the 1958 rendition by the Harry Simeone Chorale. The song tells the story of a poor young boy summoned by the Magi to the Infant Christ, he plays his drum, earning a smile from the newborn and Mary, who favored his heartfelt offering. Come, they told Jesus' birth. Find the background story, at Godtube.com.Lully, lullay, thou little tiny childBye bye, lully, lullay?"Herod the king, in his ragingChargd he hath this dayHis men of might in his own sightAll young children to slayThat woe is me, poor child, for theeAnd ever mourn and mayFor thy parting neither say nor sing Bye bye, lully, lullay. thou little tiny childBye bye, lully, lullay. then pastor of Christ Episcopal Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, crafted "We Three Kings" for a Christmas pageant in New York City This enduring Christmas carol, with numerous renditions, remains beloved. Hopkins structured the hymn so that three male voices, like the three kings, would each sing a verse, while the first and last verses were sung collectively as "verses of praise." Although originally designed as solos for the Magi, modern renditions typically omit their individual parts, focusing on the admiration of the Star of Bethlehem's majesty. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, following yonder star. O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, we star of 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, voices raising, worshiping God on high.Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfumebreathes a 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,sounds through the earth and skies.Sussex Carol First composed in 1684, Sussex Carol earned its name when Ralph Vaughan Williams set the text to music in the late 1800s after he heard it being sung near Sussex. On Christmas night all Christians sing, To hear the news the angels bring, 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, 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; Angels and men with joy may sing, All for to gain our liberty. When sin departs before his grace, Then life and health come in its place; Angels and men with joy may sing, All for to see the new-born King. All out of darkness we have light, Which made the angels sing this night: 'Glory to God and peace to men, Now and for evermore. Amen.'Angels We Have Heard on High" is a Christmas carol with lyrics written by James Chadwick to the music of a French song called Les Anges Dans Nos Campagnes. While the music is identical to the original hymn, Chadwick's lyrics are unique but obviously heavily inspired and, in parts, a close translation. The hymn's theme is the birth of Jesus Christ, narrated in the Gospel of Luke, particularly the moment in which shepherds outside Bethlehem are visited by an abundance of angels singing and praising the newborn child. Angels we have heard on highSweetly singing o'er the plainsAnd the mountains in replyEchoing their joyous strainsAngels we have heard on highSweetly, sweetly through the nightAnd the mountains in replyEchoing their brief delightGloria, in excelsis DeoGloria, in excelsis De beWhich inspire your heavenly song?Gloria, in excelsis DeoGloria, in heard, ohAngels we have heard on highAngels we have heard on high a season, and after hearing the beautiful melodies of the Candlelight Carol, you'll know why. How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky?How can you measure the love of a mother?Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glowShine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawnGloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!Angels are singing "The Christ child is born"Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore himSeraphim 'round him, their vigil will keepNations proclaim him their Lord and their saviourBut Mary will hold him and sing him to sleepCandlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glowShine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawnGloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!Angels are singing "The Christ child is born"Find him in Bethlehem laid in a mangerChrist our redeemer, asleep in the hayGodhead incarnate and hope of salvationA child with his mother that first Christmas DayCandlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glowShine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawnGloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!Angels are singing "The Christmas SongsHere are seven of the most popular and beloved Christmas songs of all time:"White Christmas" by Bing Crosby (1942): This iconic song captures the magic of a snowy Christmas perfectly. Crosby's smooth vocals and the dreamy melody make it a truly heartwarming listen. I'm dreaming of a white ChristmasJust like the ones I used to knowWhere the tree tops glistenAnd children listenTo hear sleigh bells in the snow, oh, the snowI said I'm dreaming of a white ChristmasWith every Christmas card I writeMay your days be merry and brightAnd may all your ChristmasJust like the ones I used to knowWhere the tree tops glistenAnd the children listenTo hear sleigh bells in the snowI'm dreaming of a white ChristmasWith every Christmas card I writeMay your days, may your days, may your days be merry and brightAnd may all your Christmas' be whiteI'm dreaming of a white Christmas' be whiteI'm dreaming of a white Christmas card I writeMay your days be merry and brightAnd may all your Christmas' be whiteI'm dreaming of a white Christmas' be whiteI'm dreaming of a white Christmas' be whiteI'm dreaming of a white Christmas with every Christmas' be whiteI'm dreaming of a white Ch (1946)This nostalgic tune is a perfect way to wind down and relax during the holidays. The warm, inviting sound of the orchestra and Cole's velvety vocals make it a timeless classic. Chestnuts roasting on an open fireJack Frost nipping at your noseYuletide carols being sung by a choirAnd folks dressed up like EskimosEverybody knows a turkey and some mistletoeHelp to make the season brightTiny tots with their eyes all aglowWill find it hard to sleep tonightThey know his see if reindeers really know how to flyAnd so I'm offering this simple phraseTo kids from one to ninety-twoAlthough it's been said many times, many waysMerry Christmas to you'It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" by Andy Williams (1963) This upbeat and cheerful song perfectly captures the excitement and joy of the holiday season. Williams's warm vocals and the festive arrangement make it a true classic. It's the most wonderful time of the yearIt's the hap-happiest season of allWith those holiday greetings and gay happy meetingsWhen friends come tc callIt's the hap-happiest season of allThere'll be parties for hostingMarshmallows for toastingAnd caroling out in the snowThere'll be most wonderful time of the yearThere'll be much mistltoeingAnd hearts will be glowingWhen loved ones are nearIt's the most wonderful time of the yearThere'll be parties for hostingMarshmallows for toastingAnd caroling out in the snowThere'll be much mistltoeingAnd hearts will be glowingWhen loved ones are nearIt's the most wonderful timeYes the most wonderful timeOh the most wonderful timeOf the year"Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" by Judy Garland (1944)This classic ballad is a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas love, peace, and hope. Garland's heartfelt vocals and poignant lyrics make it a truly special song. Have yourself a merry little ChristmasLet your heart be lightNext year all our troubles will be out of sightHave yourself a merry little ChristmasMake the Yuletide gayNext year all our troubles will be miles awayOnce again, as in olden days of yoreFaithful friends who are dear to usWill be near to us once moreSomeday soon, we all will be togetherIf the fates allowUntil then, we'll have to muddle through somehowSo have yourself a merry little Christmas now"I'll Be Home for Christmas" (1943) This classic ballad is a poignant reminder of the importance of family and home during the holiday season. Bing Crosby's heartfelt vocals and the touching lyrics make it a truly special listen. I'm dreaming tonight of a place I loveEven more than I usually doAnd although I know it's a long road backI promise youI'll be home for ChristmasYou can count on mePlease have snow and mistletoeAnd presents under the treeChristmas Eve will find meWhere the love light gleamsI'll be home for ChristmasIf only in my dreamsI'll be home for ChristmasYou can count on mePlease have snow and mistletoeAnd presents under the treeChristmas Eve will find meWhere the love light gleamsI'll be home for ChristmasIf only in my dreamsI'll be home for Christmas I on mePlease have snow and mistletoeAnd presents under the treeChristmasIf only in my dreamsI'll be home for ChristmasIf only in my dreamsI'll be home for ChristmasIf on the treeChristmas I on the treeChristmasIf on the treeChristmasI'll be home for ChristmasI'll be home for ChristmasI count on me)Please have snow (have snow) and mistletoe (veah)And presents under the tree (under the tree)Christmas Eve will find meWhere the love light gleams/I only in my dreams/I only favorite among many. Feliciano's playful vocals and the catchy melody make it a fun and festive addition to any holiday playlist. Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad you a Merry Christmas From the bottom of my heart "Carol of the Bells" (1914) This traditional carol is a beautiful and festive addition to any holiday playlist. The soaring melody and the intricate harmonies make it a truly special song. Ding dong ding Ding dong ding Ding dong ding Ding dong ding Hark how the bells Sweet silver bells All seem to sayThrow cares awayChristmas is hereBringing good cheerTo young and oldMeek and the boldDing, dong, ding, dongThat is their songWith joyful ringAll carolingOne seems to hearWords of good cheerFrom ev'rywhereFilling the airDing dong ding dong ding dong dingOh how they poundRaising the soundO'er hill and daleTelling their taleGaily they ringWhile people singSongs of good cheerChristmas is hereBringing good cheerTo young and oldMeek and the boldDing, dong, ding, dongThat is their songWith joyful ringAll carolingOne seems to hearWords of good cheerFrom ev'rywhereFilling the airMerry, merry, mer dingThat is their songWith joyful ringDing dong ding dong ding dong ding the many great Christmas songs out there. With so many choices, you're sure to find the perfect ones to make your holiday season merry and bright. 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