

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

December 21, 2025

The First Nowell (vss 1-4) VU 91

The first Nowell the angel did say was to
certain poor shepherds in fields as they
lay; in fields where they lay akeeping
their sheep on a cold winter's night that
was so deep.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

What Child is This VU 74

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. **Refrain**

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
come one and all, to own him.
The King of Kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. **Refrain**

O Little Town of Bethlehem VU 64

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 all on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous
gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the
blessed gift of heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great
glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

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Joy To the World
(arr. S. Drummond Wolff)

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

(Verse 3 – Choir Only)

He rules the earth 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.

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(arr. S. Drummond Wolff)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and
triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem: come and behold him,
born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Tenors & Basses:

God of God, light of light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

(Verse 3 – Choir Only)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy
morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given;
word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.