

## Carols and Readings from Luke, Chapters 1-2

### **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

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.

*The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.*

*The virgin's name was Mary.*

*Having come in, the angel said to her, "Greetings, favored one. The Lord is with you."*

*But when she saw him, she was greatly troubled at the saying.*

*The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.*

*And look, you will conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and will call his name 'Jesus.' He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High.*

### **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.

*In those days, Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to his own town to register.*

*So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.*

### **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Oh 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.

*While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*

### **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.

### **Away in a Manger**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky look down where He lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*

### **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.

*And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

### **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.  
Noel, noel, noel, noel. Born is the King of Israel

*And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*

### **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's all gracious King.  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

### **Angels We Have Heard On High**

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

### **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

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

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

*So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.*

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

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

*When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.*

**O Holy Night**

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;  
O night divine, O night, O night Divine.

**Silent Night - LIGHT CANDLE**

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.