

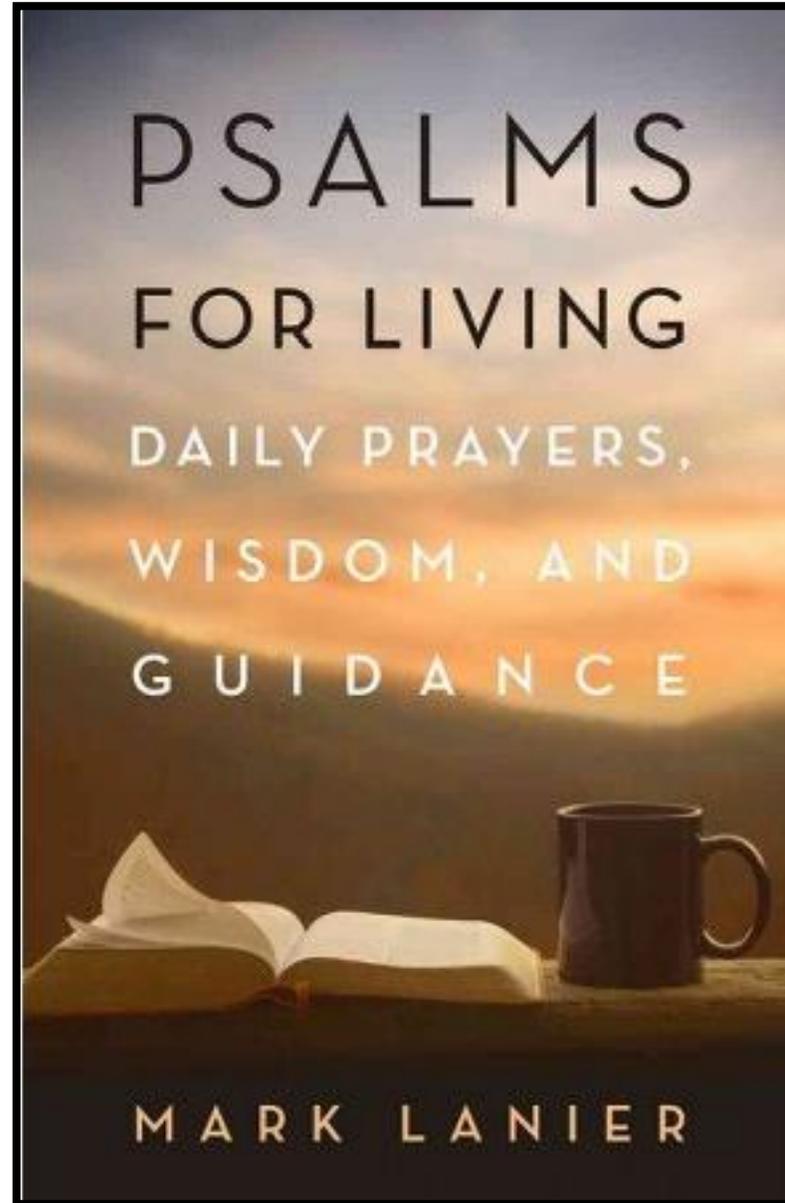
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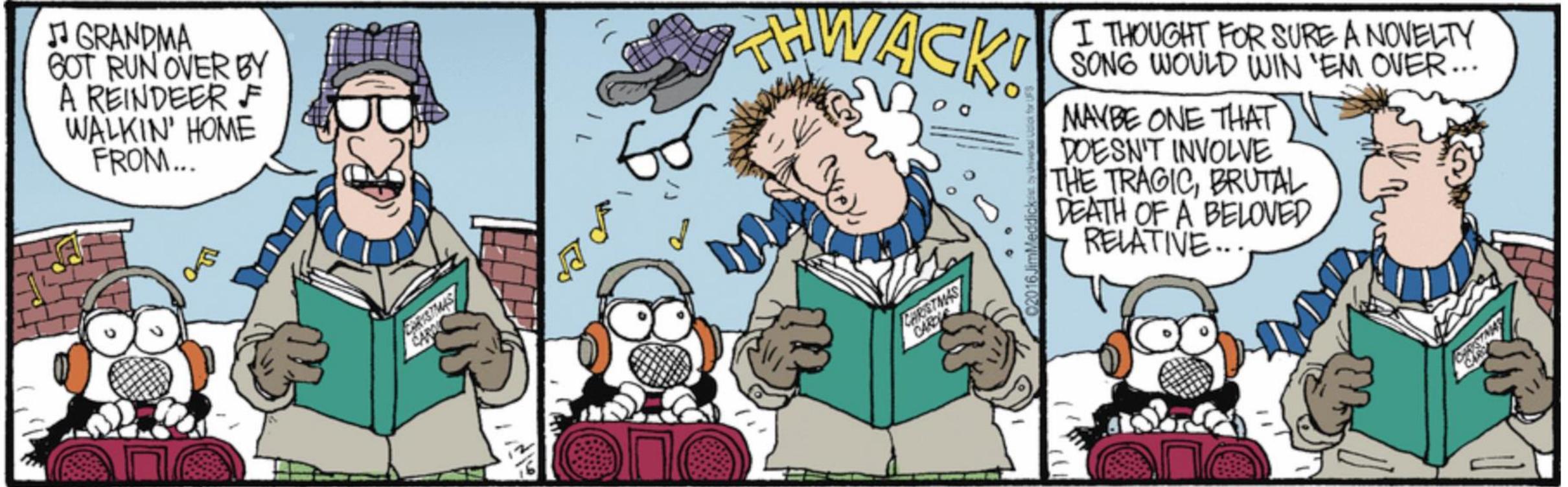
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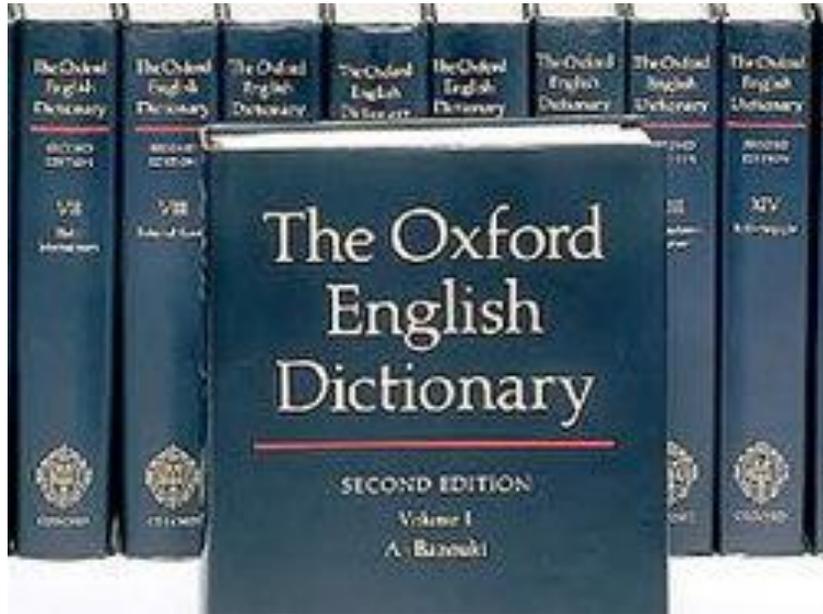


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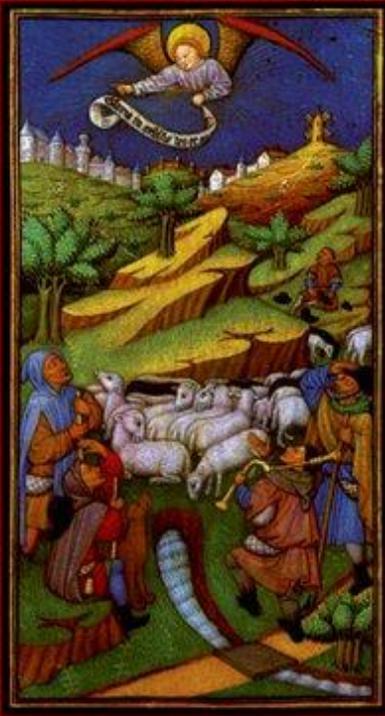


Carol

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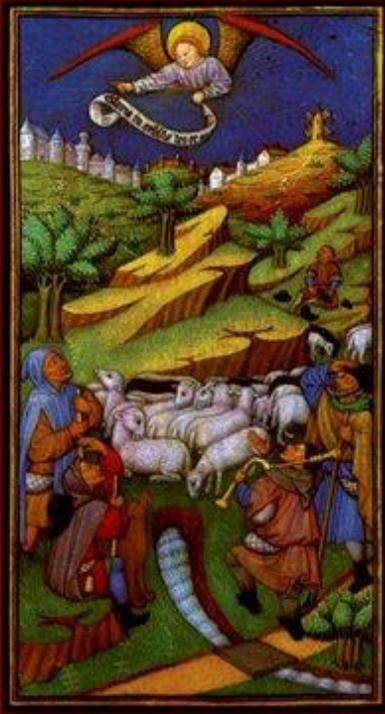
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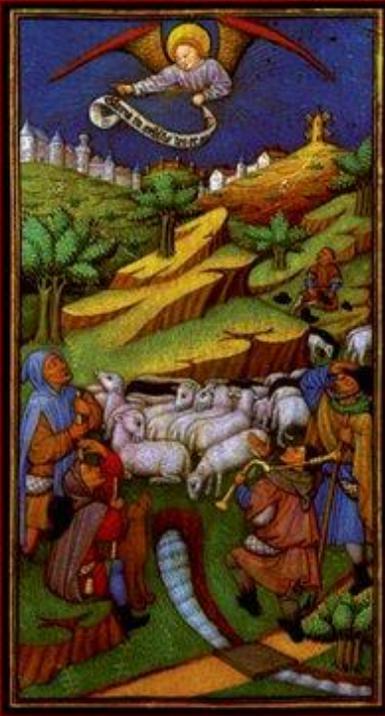
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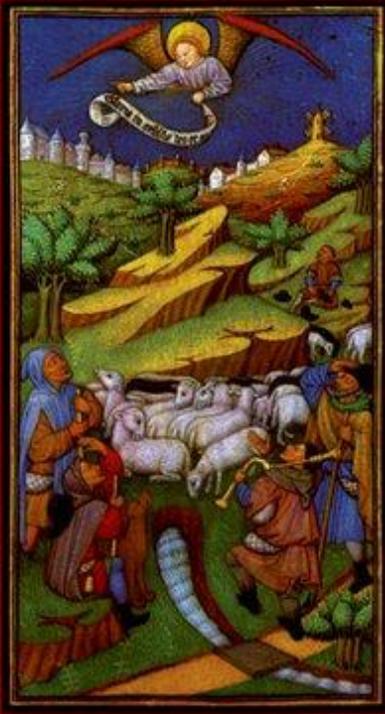


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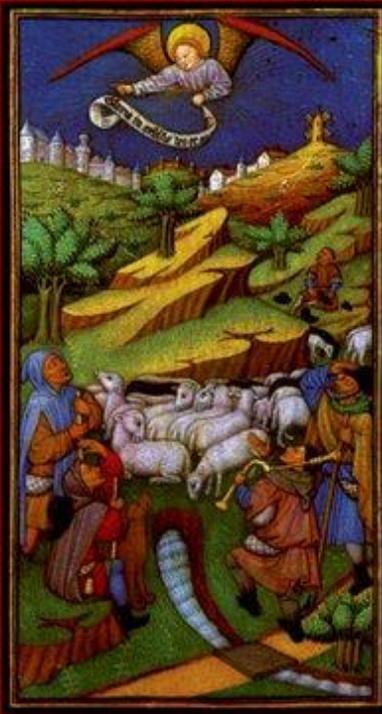


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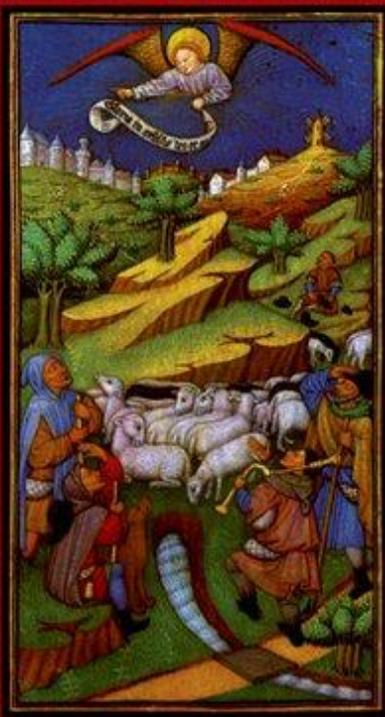


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Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come 146

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

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1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re-
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; let all their
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 songs em - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
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Compare to Psalm 98

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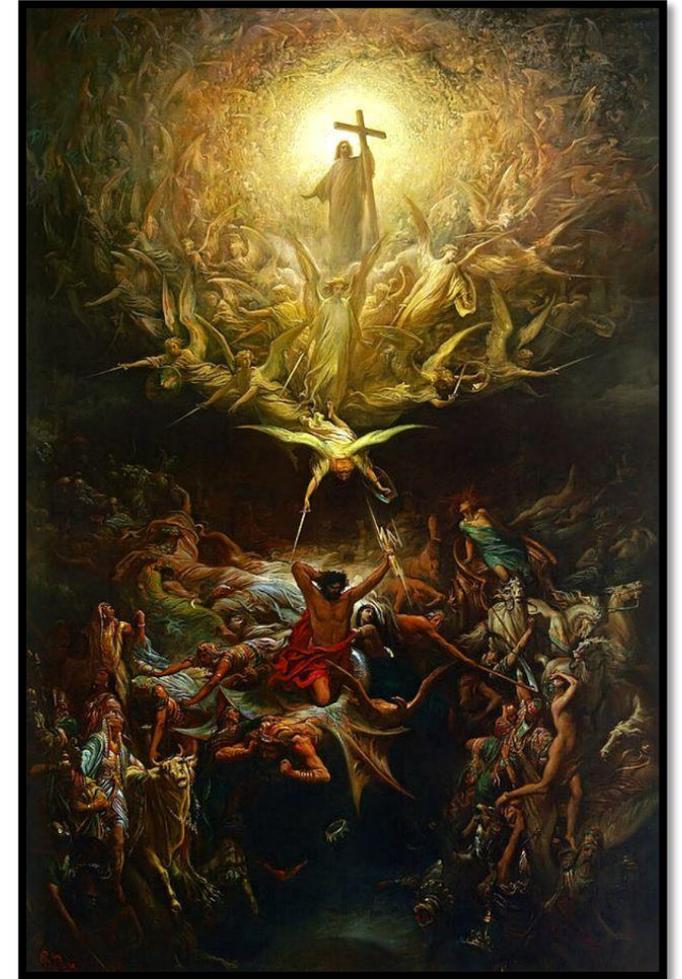
Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy

No more let sin and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

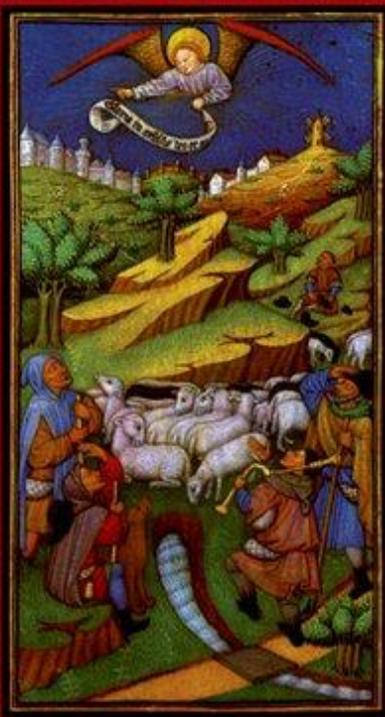
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.



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106 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

And suddenly there was . . . a multitude of the heavenly host praising God . . . Luke 2:13

MEDELSSOHN 7777 D. Ref.

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856

Charles Wesley, 1739

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King:
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb:
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

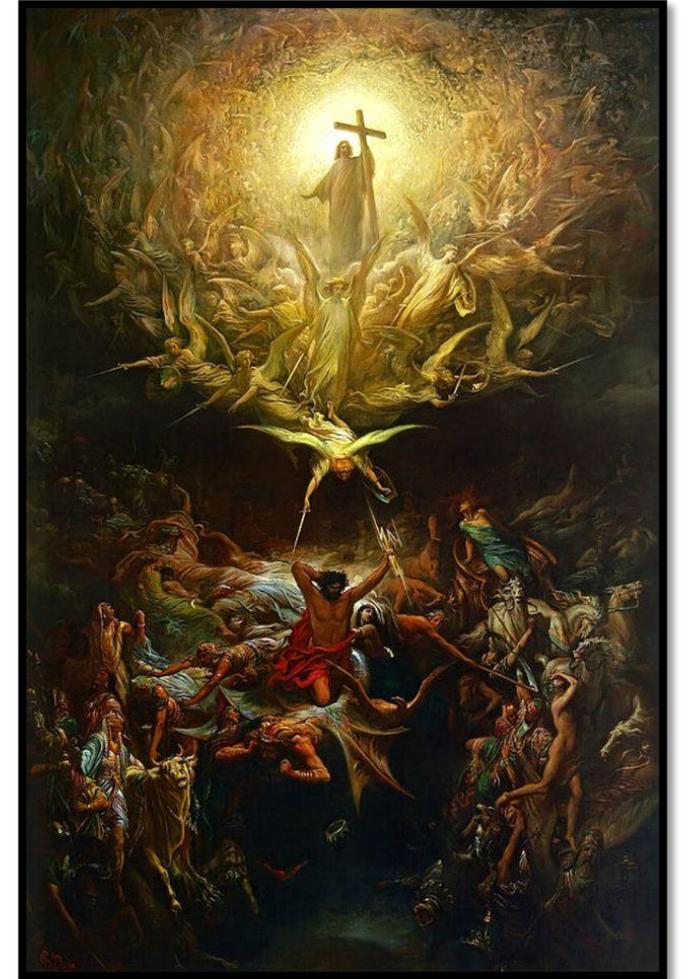
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

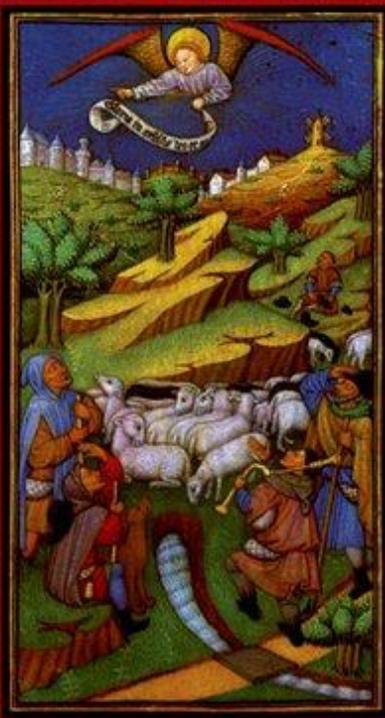
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God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

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Luke 2:10

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
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A word about "Christ born on Christmas Day"



What about the “12 days of Christmas”?

The 12 days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me A partridge in a pear tree.	On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love sent to me Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying, Five golden rings, Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear tree.	On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me Ten lords a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids a-milking, Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying, Five golden rings, Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, And a partridge in a pear tree.
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113 We Three Kings of Orient Are

When Jesus was born ... there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem — Matthew 2:1 KJV

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 4. Myrrh is mine, its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom—
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Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him” (Mt. 2:1-2)

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See also Gen. 26:26-31

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CHRISTMAS.

Carol 415.

Words by *J. M. Neale.*

Traditional.

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 Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
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 Ye who now will bless the poor,
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 Parish Choir, No. 1496 - 4.



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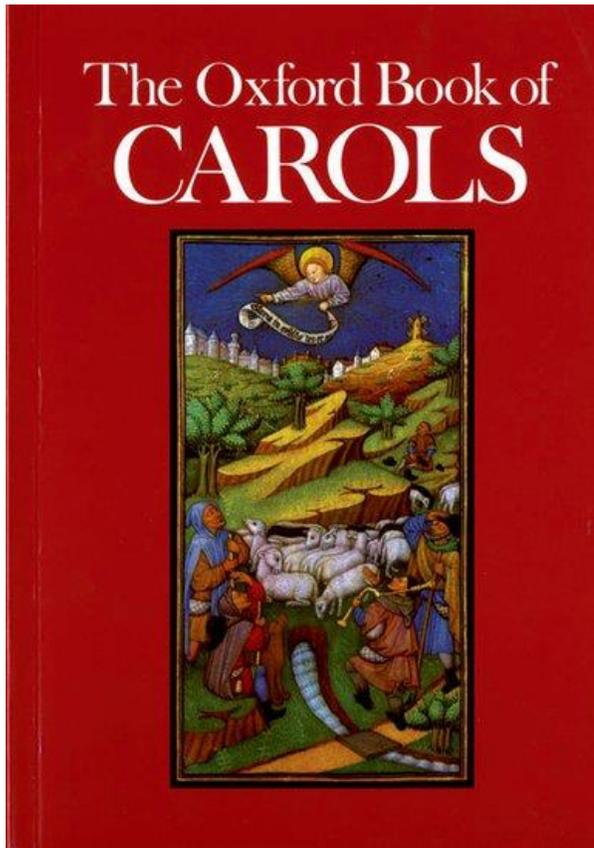
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A musical score for the chorus of 'Good King Wenceslas'. It is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody is simple and consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes.

This rather confused narrative owes its popularity to the delightful tune, which is that of a Spring carol, *Tempus adest floridum* [Latin for “bloomtime has come”]... Unfortunately Neale in 1853 substituted for the Spring carol this “Good King Wenceslas,” one of his less happy pieces... poor and commonplace to the last degree. The time has not yet come for a comprehensive book to discard it; but we reprint the tune ... not without hope that, with the present wealth of carols for Christmas, “Good King Wenceslas” may gradually pass into disuse, and the tune be restored to spring-time



As for plain old tradition...

Jolly Old Saint Nicholas

5



When the clock is strik-ing twelve,

When I'm fast a - sleep, Down the chimney

broad and black, With your pack you'll creep; All the stock-ings you will find

Hang-ing in a row; Mine will be the short-est one; You'll be sure to know.



The image shows a page of sheet music for the song "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas". It includes a title, a page number "5", and a small illustration of Saint Nicholas carrying a sack of gifts. The music is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "When the clock is strik-ing twelve, When I'm fast a - sleep, Down the chimney broad and black, With your pack you'll creep; All the stock-ings you will find Hang-ing in a row; Mine will be the short-est one; You'll be sure to know." The score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment.



So with a noel, we
celebrate
Christmas 2016

The First Noel, the Angel Did Say 162

BIRTH

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about . . . Mt. 1:18

1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the
 3. And by the light of that same star three wise men
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le -

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keep - ing their
 east, be - yond them far, and to the earth it gave great
 came from coun - try far, to seek for a king was their in -
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and

Refrain
 sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night. No - el, No -
 tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

5. Then entered in those wise men three, 6. Then let us all with one accord
 full reverently upon their knee, sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
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