

Cantabile Christmas Music

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One December, Bright and Clear (Christmas Concert and Holiday Tea)

One December, bright and clear, early in the morning.
Mary pressed her new born near, kissed him so adoring.
Angels sing and shepherds shout! All good creatures turn about!
Ring the bells of joy, every chime employ,
Make them sing 'til they bring Heavens wondrous glory.
Tell the Christmas story!

Last December day and noon, from a steaming kettle.
Mary bathed her tiny boy in the creche to settle.
Doves that coo and lambs that bleat, Come and see the Mercy Seat!
Ring the bells of peace, let the sounds increase;
Make them soar, 'til they pour Heaven's hope and glory,
Spread the Christmas Story!

As that winter's eve drew night, in the stable lowly.
Mary laid her head to rest, on the Baby holy.
People far and people near, rest your sorrows, take good cheer.
Ring the gladsome bells, blessed tidings tell;
For He brings, in His wings Heaven's healing glory,
Spread the Christmas Story!

Angels O'er the Field Were Singing (Christmas Concert and Holiday Tea)

Angels were singing, singing hymns from heav'n on high; Mountain echoes ringing, answered to their joyful cry;
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this celebration? Why this burst of heavenly song?
What could cause such jubilation? What inspired the heavenly throng?

{ **A:** Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
B: Glor - ia, in excelsis Deo! Glor - ia, in excelsis Deo!

{ **A:** They are bringing wondrous tidings, tidings of an infant King,
Who will bring us peace abiding. 'Tis of the holy baby they sing.
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria, in excelsis Deo! In excelsis Deo!

{ **B:** They bring tidings, tidings of an infant King,
Bring us abiding peace. 'Tis of the holy babe they sing.
Glor - ia, in excelsis Deo! Glor - ia, in excelsis Deo ! In excelsis Deo!

Tiny Little Baby Born in Bethlehem (Christmas Concert and Holiday Tea)

Tiny little baby born in a manger, sing it high! Sing it low!
Tiny little baby born in a manger, born, born in Bethlehem.

{ **A:** Tiny little baby born in a manger, sing it high! Sing it low! Tiny little baby born in a manger, born, born in Bethlehem.
B: Sing it high!__ Sing it low! Sing it higher! Singin' joy, joy, joy! Born, born in Bethlehem.

B: Shepherds came the child to see. _____ **A:** Tiny little baby, tiny little baby!
B: Left their flocks and left their sheep. _____ **A:** Tiny little baby born in Bethlehem!
B: Angels sang a lullaby. _____ **A:** Tiny little baby, tiny little baby!
B: Sang a song that filled the sky. _____ **A:** Tiny little baby born in Bethlehem!

Tiny little baby born in a manger, sing it high! Sing it low!
Tiny little baby born in a manger, born, born in Bethlehem.

{ **A:** Tiny little baby born in a manger, sing it high! Sing it low! Tiny little baby born in a manger, born, born in Bethlehem.
B: Sing it high!__ Sing it low! Sing it higher! Singin' joy, joy, joy! Born, born in Bethlehem.

Singin' joy, singin' joy, joy, joy! Singin' peace, singin' peace, peace, peace!
Singin' love, singin' love, love, love. Sing joy and peace and love!

{ **A:** Tiny little baby born in a manger, sing it high! Sing it low! Tiny little baby born in a manger.
B: Sing it high!__ Sing it low! Sing it higher! Singin' joy, joy, joy!

Both: Born, born__, Born, born__, Born, born in Bethlehem! (Tiny baby, such a tiny baby)
Born, born in Bethlehem!

We Wish You a Merry Christmas (Holiday Tea)

We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas, And a happy new year!

Now bring us a figgy pudding, Now bring us a figgy pudding,
Now bring us a figgy pudding, And a cup of good cheer!

Good tidings to you, wherever you are; Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas, And a happy new year!

A: Happy New Year! Happy New Year! Happy New Year! Happy New Year!
B: Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way! Deck the hall with boughs of holly!
Happy New Year! Happy New Year!

It's Time to Deck the Hall! (Holiday Tea)

This is December; just watch the snowflakes fall. Now is the season, the best time of them all.
Gather 'round and sing with us the Yuletide carols we recall. Come on, get ready; it's time to deck the hall!

Deck the hall with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la. 'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now our bright apparel, Fa la la, la la la, la la la. Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

A: Deck the hall ... / **B:** This is December ...

It's time to deck the hall! Fa la la la la!

Spirit of the Season (Christmas Concert Combined Choir)

(Merry Christmas ...)

Bong, bong, bong, bong! Bong, bong, bong, bong!
It's the spirit of the season, you can feel it in the air.
You can hear it if you listen everywhere, so much care, like a prayer;
Whatever it is, you need to share it;
It's the spirit of the season. You can hear it in the air. (Bong, bong, bong, bong!)

People smile as they pass you by, the day will be here soon.
Dreams are dancing in the children's eyes. Hearts are singing, bells are ringing, too.

It's the spirit of the season, filling hearts with love and care.
Like a shining star it glistens everywhere, feel it there, like a prayer;
Whatever it is, you need to share it;
It's the spirit of the season. (Bong, bong, bong, bong!) You can hear it in the air. (Bong, bong, bong, bong!)

Deck the hall with boughs of holly. ___ 'Tis the season to be jolly! ___ Fa la la, la la la. Fa la la, la la la la!

Bong, bong, bong, bong! Bong, bong, bong, bong!
(Ding Dong...)
Fa la la la la!