

For Sunday-School, Choir and General Use



10 Christmas Carols
Traditional Melodies

Newly arranged, Harmonized and Edited

By S. Archer Gibson

First Set

Second Set

By F. Flaxington Harker

Third Set

Fourth Set

Fifth Set

Sixth Set

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SIX OLD CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Carol of the Flowers

Andante
Refrain

Bas-Quercy Melody

1

Come with us, sweet flow'rs, and wor-ship Christ the

mf

Fine

Lord, Let your per - fumes hov - er round the Babe a - dored.

p

1. Mod - est vio - let, hid - ing in the grass - y shade, Thou canst
2. Lil - y fair, low bend - ing in the sun's warm light, Thou dost
3. As thou, Pan - sy, shin - est forth in bright ar - ray, So doth
4. As thou, Rose, wide - op - 'ning, dost thy scent im - part, So His

Da Capo

say how hum - ble He for us is made.
tell that He is pure as thou art white.
He His ma - jes - ty to man dis - play.
love ex - pand - ing, draws each sin - ful heart.

Da Capo

The Babe of Bethlehem

Traditional

Allegro moderato

Traditional

2

1. The Babe in Beth-lem's man-ger laid, In hum-ble
 2. A Sav - iour! sin - ners all a - round Sing, shout the
 3. For not to sit on Da - vid's throne With world-ly
 4. To preach the word of Life Di - vine And feed with
 5. He preached, He suf - fered, bled, and died Up - lift twixt
 6. Well may we sing a Sav - iour's birth, Who need the

form so low; By wond'ring an-gels is surveyd Thro' all His scenes of woe.
 wondrous word; Let ev - ry bo - som hail the sound, A Saviour! Christ the Lord.
 pomp and joy, He came for sin - ners to a - tone And Sa - tan to de - stroy.
 liv - ing bread, To heal the sick with hand be - nign And raise to life the dead.
 earth and skies; In sin - ners' stead was cru - ci - fied, For sin a sac - ri - fice,
 grace so giv'n, And hail His com - ing down to earth, Who rais - es us to heav'n.

Refrain

1-6. No - ël, No - ël, Now sing a Sav - iour's birth, All

hail, His com - ing down to earth, Who rais - es us to heav'n!

Ye Shepherds, Awake

English version by
Henry G. Chapman

Andante pastorale

Southern German Folk-melody

mf

3

1. Ye shep - herds, a - wake, — And mer - ri - ment
2. Up, shep - herds, come fast, — Come sing to the
3. They heard what was said, — And Christ - ward they

mf

make, The an - gels are fly - ing From heav - en and
Christ, And blow — on the bu - gle His heart to in -
sped, They came in pro - fu - sion, In haste and con -

cry - ing: "Good times are hard by, — The Sav - iour is nigh!"
vei - gle; Come, search field and fen — For the Sav - iour of men.
fu - sion; And yet one and all — Found Christ in a stall.

Now Sing We All Full Sweetly

Poitou Carol

Lucas Le Moigne (1520)

Old French Carol

Moderato

4

mf

mf

Prologue. Now sing we all full sweet-ly Of ho-ly Ma-ry's

1. To save this race of mor-tals The pro-phets old did

2. Now tell us, bless-ed Ma-ry, What mes-sen-ger did

3. And what said he, O Ma-ry, This an-gel, when he

4. Now tell us, bless-ed Ma-ry, Say, where didst thou a-

5. Did shep-herds from the mountains In hum-ble garb and

6. We hum-bly trust, O Ma-ry, That God will give us

fame! Who for her grace, right meet-ly, Re-

say, That Christ would leave heav'n's por-tals, As

bring To thee the news so won-drous, Of

spake, When he fore-told that Je-sus On

bide, When Ga-bri-el did prom-ise This

meek, With joy-ous ex-ul-ta-tion The

grace To love this Ho-ly In-fant And

Notice. The first four lines, being the Prologue, may be sung by male voices. Verse 1 by all voices Full, and in Verses 2, 3, 4 & 5 the first four lines should be sung by men, and the last four lines by women. Verse 6 may be sung as Chorus.

D. C. (after Prologue only)

ceiv'd her bless - ed name.
 Man with men to stay: And Ma - ry, pur - est
 Christ, our heav'n - ly King? 'Twas Ga - bri - el, the
 earth our form should take? He said, "The Lord be
 first great Christ - mas - tide? In Gal - i - lee I
 Ho - ly In - fant seek? They sought the hum - ble
 ev - er seek His face; So that the last great

D. C. (after Prologue only)

maid - en By God's most sure de - cree — Was
 white - robed, Who brought this news to me, — That
 with thee. For full of grace thou art, — And
 rest - ed, In ho - ly love and fear, — And
 man - ger, And soon as they did see — The
 Ad - vent, When He as Judge shall stand, — We

with this du - ty la - den His Moth - er here to be.
 Christ, the God in - car - nate, An in - fant mild would be.
 thou art high - ly fa - vored, Thou meek and pure of heart."
 in my med - i - ta - tion The An - gel did ap - pear.
 new - born Prince of Glo - ry, They sank on bend - ed knee.
 may a - mongst the bless - ed Be placed on His right hand.

Slumber, Dear Jesus

English version by
Henry G. Chapman

Alsatian Folk-song

Andante tranquillo

p

O slum - ber, slum - ber soft - ly, dear Je - sus, Pure and sweet Thy

sleep! — He sleeps; the nois - y world will cry, And

yet God's eyes are o - pen, And watch o'er us, — o'er us. —

The Wassail Song

Words traditional

Allegretto

Traditional Melody

6

*mf**

1. Here we come a - was - sail - ing A -
 2. Our was - sail - cup is made Of the
 3. We are not dai - ly beg - gars That
 4. Good Mas - ter and good Mis - tress, As

*mf**

mong the leaves so green, Here we come a -
 rose - ma - ry tree, And so is your
 beg from door to door, But we are neigh - bors'
 you sit by the fire, Pray think of us poor

wan - d'ring So fair to be seen.
 beer Of the best bar - ley.
 chil - dren Whom you have seen be - fore.
 chil - dren Who are wan - d'ring in the mire.

The notes marked with an asterisk are to be used for Verses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8.

Allegro
Refrain

1-8. Love and joy come to you, And to you your was-sail,

too, And God bless you, and send— you A hap - py new

year, And God send you a hap - py new— year.

5. We have a little purse
Made of ratching* leather skin,
We want some of your small change
To line it well within. *Refrain*

6. Call up the butcher of this house,
Put on his golden ring;
Let him bring us a glass of beer,
And the better we shall sing. *Refrain*

7. Bring us out a table,
And spread it with a cloth;
Bring us out a mouldy cheese,
And some of your Christmas loaf. *Refrain*

8. God bless the master of this house,
Likewise the mistress too;
And all the little children
That round the table go. *Refrain*

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