



BRACKLEY
COMMUNITY CAROL
SERVICE



Photo of Brackley Town Hall taken by resident Katy Emms in November 2021

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1. O Holy Night

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til He appeared 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, O Holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here come the Wise Men from Orient land
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our friend
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His Gospel is Peace
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother
And in His name, all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us Praise His Holy name
Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim
His power and glory evermore proclaim



2. Silent Night, Holy Night

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

Silent night, holy night.
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia:

Christ the Saviour is born.
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night.
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.



3. Mary's Boy Child

Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ, was born on Christmas Day
And man will live forevermore because of Christmas Day

Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible said
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ, was born on Christmas Day

Hark, now hear the angels sing, a king was born today
And man will live forevermore because of Christmas Day
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ, was born on Christmas Day

While shepherds watch their flocks by night
They see a bright new shining star
They hear a choir sing a song, the music seemed to come from afar

Hark, now hear the angels sing, a king was born today
And man will live forevermore because of Christmas Day

For a moment the world was aglow, all the bells rang out
There were tears of joy and laughter, people shouted
"Let everyone know, there is hope for all to find peace"

Oh my Lord, You sent Your son to save us
Oh my Lord, Your very self You gave us
Oh my Lord, That sin may not enslave us
And love may reign once more

Oh my Lord, When in the crib they found Him
Oh my Lord, A golden halo crowned Him
Oh my Lord, They gathered all around Him
To see Him and adore (this day will live forever)

Oh my Lord (so praise the Lord)
They had become to doubt You
Oh my Lord (He is the truth forever)
What did they know about You?
Oh my Lord (so praise the Lord)
But they were lost without You
They needed You so bad (His light is shining on us)

Oh my Lord (so praise the Lord)
With the child's adoration
Oh my lord (He is a personation)
There came great jubilation
Oh my Lord (so praise the Lord)
And full of admiration
They realized what they had (until the sun falls from the sky)

Oh my Lord (oh praise the Lord)
You sent Your son to save us
Oh my Lord (this day will live forever)
Your very self You gave us
Oh my Lord (so praise the Lord)



4. 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.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all His wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms He lay.
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as He.

For He is our childhood's pattern
Day by day, like us, He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles, like us He knew;
And He feeleth for our sadness,
And He shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above:
And He leads His children on,
To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crown'd
All in white shall wait around.



5. Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh
Over fields we go, laughing all the way
Bells on bobtails ring, making spirits bright
Oh what fun it is to sing, a sleighing song tonight!

*Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way
Oh! What fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way
Oh! What fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh*

A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride
And soon, Miss Fanny Bright, was seated by my side
The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seemed his lot
He got into a drifted bank and then we go upsot

Chorus

A day or two ago, the story I must tell
I went out on the snow, and on my back I fell
A gent was riding by, in a one-horse open sleigh
He laughed as there I sprawling lie, but quickly drove away

Chorus

Now the ground is white, go for it while you're young
Take the girls tonight and sing their sleighing song
Just get a bobtailed bay, two forty as his speed
Hitch him to an open sleigh and crack! You'll take the lead

Chorus



6. 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 the Angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem”

*Hark! The herald angels sing
“Glory to the new-born king!”*

Christ, by highest heaven adored
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a Virgin’s womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail the Incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

*Hark! The herald-angels sing
“Glory to the new-born King!”*

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings,
Mild, He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

*Hark! The herald angels sing
“Glory to the newborn King!”*



7. When Santa Got Stuck up the Chimney

*When Santa got stuck up the chimney, he began to shout;
You girls and boys wont get any toys,
if you don't pull me out*

*My beard is black, there's soot in my sack, my nose is tickling too
When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
Achoo! Achoo! Achoo!*

Twas on the eve before Christmas day,
when Santa Claus arrived on his sleigh,
Into a chimney he climbed with his sack,
but was so fat he couldn't get back,
Oh what a terrible plight, he stayed up there all night

Chorus

Rudolph tugged with all of his might,
but Santa Claus was stuck very tight,
He wiggled and jiggled then cried with a frown,
I'll never get up, I'll never get down,
Oh what a terrible fuss, we should have come by bus.

When Santa got stuck up the chimney, he began to yell
Oh hurry please it's such a squeeze, the reindeer's stuck as well.

His head's up there, in the cold night air,
now Rudolph's nose is blue!

When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
Achoo! Achoo! Achoo! Achoo! Achoo!



8. Little Donkey

Little donkey, little donkey
On the dusty road
Got to keep on plodding onwards
With your precious load.

Been a long time, little donkey
Through the winter's night
Don't give up now, little donkey
Bethlehem's in sight.

*Ring out those bells tonight
Bethlehem, Bethlehem
Follow that star tonight
Bethlehem, Bethlehem.*

Little donkey, little donkey
Had a heavy day
Little donkey
Carry Mary safely on her way.

Little donkey, little donkey
On the dusty road
There are wise men waiting for a
Sign to bring them here.

Do not falter, little donkey
There's a star ahead
It will guide you, little donkey
To a cattle shed.

Chorus



9. Away in a Manger

Away in a manger,
No crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head:
The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing,
The Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side
Until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever,
And love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven,
To live with Thee there.



10. Ding Dong Merrily on High

Ding dong! merrily on high
In heaven the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
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E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "i-o, i-o, i-o!"
By priest and people sungen.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
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Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!



11. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose,
and if you ever saw it
you would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer
used to laugh and call him names.
They never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas eve
Santa came to say:
“Rudolph with your nose so bright,
won’t you guide my sleigh tonight?”

Then all the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you’ll go down in history!



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