



Rising Voices *Wessex*

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Christmas Lyrics Pack

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E.g.

- Larger text size
- Different text font,
- Different colour text
- Only black text,
- Bold text, Etc

1. Candlelight Shining ⁷

NB: Voices may be 1=Sop, 2=Alto, 3=Tenor, 4=Bass. Or may be groups. Conductor to advise

1st time: All voices sing all 4 lines in in UNISON

Voices 1, 2, 3 & 4

- a. - Candlelight shining
- b. - By thy light glowing
- c. - Show to us beauty
- d. - Vision and joy

2nd time: Sing as a 2 part Round. Voices 1 & 2 together and voices 3 & 4 together

Voices 1 & 2

- a. - Candlelight shining
- b. - By thy light glowing
- c. - Show to us beauty
- d. - Vision and joy

Voices 3 & 4

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- a. Candlelight shining
- b. - By thy light glowing
- c. - Show to us beauty
- d. - Vision and joy

3rd time: Sing as a 4 part round. voices 1, 2, 3, 4, start separately

Voice 1	Voice 2	Voice 3	Voice 4
a. Candlelight shining	-	-	-
b. By thy light glowing	a. Candlelight shining	-	-
c. Show to us beauty	b. By thy light glowing	a. Candlelight shining	-
d. Vision and joy	c. Show to us beauty	b. By thy light glowing	a. Candlelight shining
<i>FINISH</i>	d. Vision and joy	c. Show to us beauty	b. By thy light glowing
	<i>FINISH</i>	d. Vision and joy	c. Show to us beauty
		<i>FINISH</i>	d. Vision and joy
			<i>FINISH</i>

2. Do You hear What I Hear? ^{11^}

Key: Black = All Voices. Red = Higher Voices. Blue = Lower Voices

NB: Watch the conductor for the start

1. Said the night wind to the little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite With a tail as big as a kite
2. Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song, high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea With a voice as big as the sea.
3. Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king,
Do you know what I know?
Do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring Him silver and gold Let us bring Him silver and gold
4. Said the king to the people everywhere,
Listen to what I say
Listen to what I say
Pray for peace, people everywhere!
Listen to what I say
Listen to what I say
The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring___ us___ goodness and light!.

Instrumental ending #_____

3. Gaudete ^{13#^}

Chorus x2: Gau_de_te_! gau-de-t_e! Chri-stus_ est na_tus_
E_x Ma_ri__a Vir_gi-ne gau-de_te_ --

Verse 1. Tem-pus ad-est gra-ti-ae,
Hoc quod op-ta-ba-mus,
Car-mi-na lae-ti-ci-ae
De-vo-te red-a-mus

Chorus x2: Gau_de_te_! gau-de-t_e! Chri-stus_ est na_tus_
E_x Ma_ri__a Vir_gi-ne gau-de_te_ --

Verse 2. De-us ho-mo fac-tus est,
Na-tu-ra mi-ran-te;
Mun-dus ren-o-va-tus est
A Chri-sto reg-nan-te.

Chorus x2: Gau_de_te_! gau-de-t_e! Chri-stus_ est na_tus_
E_x Ma_ri__a Vir_gi-ne gau-de_te_ --

Verse 3. E-ze-chi-e-lis por-ta
Clau-sa pe-tran-si-tur
Un-de Lux est or-or-ta,
Sa-lus in-ve-ni-tur.

Chorus x2: Gau_de_te_! gau-de-t_e! Chri-stus_ est na_tus_
E_x Ma_ri__a Vir_gi-ne gau-de_te_ --

Verse 4. Er-go nos-tra con-ci-o,
Psal-lat jam in lus-tro,
Be-ne-di-cat Do-mi-no:
Sa-lus Re-gi-nos-tro.

Chorus x2: Gau_de_te_! gau-de-t_e! Chri-stus_ est na_tus_
E_x Ma_ri__a Vir_gi-ne gau-de_te_ --

End _____

4. Hawaiian Carol/Mele Kalikimaka^{10\ W#\}

Written By R. Alex Anderson

1. Me-le ka-li-ki-ma-ka is the thing to say____ 1
On a bright Hawaiian Christmas day____ - -
That's the island greeting that we send__ to you____
From the land__ where__ palm__ trees__ sway____
2. Here we know that Christmas will be green__ and bright____ 17
The sun to shine by day, and all the stars__ at nig____ht
Me-le ka-li-ki-ma-ka is Ha-wai__-i's__ way__
To say__ Merry Christ-mas__ to you_____

Repeat 1 & 2

Approx 20 bar Instrumental 1

- Here we know that Christmas will be green__ and bright____ 17
The sun to shine by day, and all the stars__ at nig____ht
Me-le ka-li-ki-ma-ka is Ha-wai__-i's__ way__
To say__ Merry Christ-mas__ to you_____

(Repeat 1 & 2)

Approx 20 bar Instrumental 2

- Me-le ka-li-ki-ma-ka is the thing to say____ 1
On a bright Hawaiian Christmas day____ - -
That's the island greeting that we send__ to you____
From the land__ where__ palm__ trees__ sway____
- Here we know that Christmas will be green__ and bright____ 17
The sun to shine by day, and all the stars__ at nig____ht
Me-le ka-li-ki-ma-ka is Ha-wai__-i's__ way__

(Ending)

- To say__ Merry Christ-mas____, 28
A Merry, Merry Christ-mas____
A Very , Merry Christ-mas__ to you_____.

5. Huron Carol ` #M+W

arr. By MB & (WJM for RVW 2023 Xmas Concert)

Verse 1. (1st time) Sung first by Soloist, Ian Roberts (Choir silent)

Solo: 'Twas in the moon of win-ter-time When all the birds had fled,
That migh-ty Git-chi Man-i-tou Sent an-gel choirs in-stead__;
Be-fore their light the stars grew dim,
And wan-dering hun-ters heard the hy-mn_:

Chorus :

Ladies : "Je - sus yo - ur King is born , "
Men : "Je-sus your King is born, Je - sus is born ,"
All : In ex-cel-sis glor-i-a ."

Verse 1. (2nd time):

Sopranos : 'Twas in the moon of win-ter-time
When all the birds had fled,
Ladies : That migh-ty Git-chi Man-i-tou
Sent an-gel choirs in-stead__;

Men : Be-fore their light the stars grew dim,
And wan-dering hun-ters heard the hy-mn_:

Chorus :

Ladies : "Je - sus yo - ur King is born , "
Men : "Je-sus your King is born, Je - sus is born ,"
All : In ex-cel-sis glor-i-a ."

Verse 2.

Solo : Within a lodge of broken bark the tender Babe was found,

All : With-in a lodge of bro-ken bark the ten-der

Solo : a ragged robe of rabb-it skin en- wrapped His beauty
round;

All :Babe was found, a robe en-wrapped his beau-----ty-----
round

Ladies : And as the hun-ter braves drew nigh,
The angel song rang loud and high__.

Chorus :

Ladies : "Je - sus yo - ur King is born , "
Men : "Je-sus your King is born, Je - sus is born ,"
All : In ex-cel-sis glor-i-a ."

Verse 3.

Solo : O chil-dren of the for-est free, O sons of Man-i-tou,

All : oo_____

Solo : The Holy Child of earth and heav'n is born to-day for you.

All : Oo_____

Solo : Come kneel be-fore the ra - diant Boy

All : Come-----kneel be-

Solo : Who brings you beau-ty, peace and joy

All : fore the Boy_____

Ending:

All : "Je-sus your King is born__, Je - sus is born__,

In ex-cel-sis glor-i-a_ Glor-i-a___! END ____

6. Little Drummer Boy / Carol of the Drum ^{13`}

NB: Watch the conductor for timing. There may also be breaks at "+"

(Choir sings all)

1. Come, they told me, pa-rum pum pum pum,
A new born King to see pa-rum pum pum pum.
Our finest gifts we bring, pa-rum pum pum pum,
To lay before the King, pa-rum pum pum pum,
 Rum pum pum pum, Rum pum pum pum.
So to honour him, pa-rum pum pum pum,
When we come.

(Choir sings in parts)

2. Little Baby, pa-rum pum pum pum ,
I am a poor boy too, pa-rum pum pum pum .
I have no gift to bring, pa-rum pum pum pum ,
That's fit to give our King, pa-rum pum pum pum ,
 Rum pum pum pum, Rum pum pum pum .
Shall I play for you, pa-rum pum pum pum ,
On my drum.

3. Mary nodded , pa-rum pum pum pum +
The ox and lamb kept time ,pa-rum pum pum pum +
I played my drum for him , pa-rum pum pum pum +
I played my best for him, pa-rum pum pum pum ,
 Rum pum pum pum, Rum pum pum pum.+

(Ending) Then he smiled at me pa-rum pum pum pum,
Me and my drum.
Me and my drum. _____

7. Mary Did You Know ^{8#`}

Voices in parts--

1. Mary did you know__ -that your baby boy -will one day walk on water?
Mary did you know__ -that your baby boy -will save our sons and daughters?

High Voices

Did you know__ - that your baby boy - has come to make you new__?
- This child that you delivered - will soon deliver you -

Low Voices

2. Mary did you know__ -that your baby boy -will give sight to a blind man?
Mary did you know__ -that your baby boy -will calm a storm with his hand?

High Voices

Did you know__ - that your baby boy - has walked where an_gels trod__?
And when you kiss your little baby - you 've kissed the face of God_

All in parts

Oh__, Mary did you know__?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear_, the dead will live again__
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak_, the praises of the la__mb.-

3. Mary did you know_ - that your baby boy - is

- - - - - Aah_____ Aah_____

Lord of all crea-tion? Mary did you know_ - that your baby boy - will

Aah_____ Aah_____ Aah_____ Aah_____

one day rule the nations_? -

Aah_____ Aah_____ Aah_____ -

All in parts

Did you know__ -- that your baby boy was heaven's perfect la__mb? -
And the sleeping child you're holding -

Is the gr___eat - I___ A___M !

____END

8. O Holy Night ⁷

Ink: Black = Soloist. Brown = Sop+Alto in parts (*Men=Alto-8 during practice). Red = Sop. Blue = Low.

Green = All in parts. NB: Parts may be re-assigned +or- an octave. !=Synchronise these lines

Bar

1. Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior'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 soul rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

2

Fall on your knees
Oh hear the angel voices
Oh night divine
Oh night when Christ was born
Oh night divine
Oh night, Oh night divine

16

Approx. 4 Bar # Instrumental #

27

2. Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand

32

So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here come the wise men from the Orient land

37

The King_ of_ Kings_ lay_ thus in lowly man_ger
Aah_ Aah_ Aah_ Aah_, Aah_ Aah_ Aah_

41

In all_ our_ tri_-als_ born to be our friend_
Aah_ Aah_ Aah_ Aah_, Aah_ Aah_ Aah_

He knows our need, he guardeth us from danger,
Behold! Your King! Before him lowly bend

46

Behold!_____ Your King!_____
Behold! Your King! Be-___hold! Your King

53

Before him lowly bend

Approx. 4 Bar # Instrumental #

57

3. 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

62

Sweet hymns_ of_ joy_ in_ grateful chorus raise_
Aah_ Aah_ Aah_ Aah_, Aah_ Aah_ Aah_

71

72

We Let all_ with_ in_ us_ praise His holy name_
Aah_ Aah_ Aah_ Aah_, Aah_ Aah_ Aah_

73

74

Sing in parts Christ_____ Is the Lord!_____ -O praise _____his name for

76

but Bass sing e____ver_, -His pow__'r__ and glo____ry__

79

Alto -8 e____ver more pro-claim_____ His pow__'r __ and gl_o__r-y__

82

(Slow End His glo__ry_ (e-ver more proclaim_____

84

9. Silent Night ^{11#`}

Sing in 3 parts, Soprano, Alto & Bass (=Alto -8)

1. 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.
2. Silent Night! Holy Night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly host sing Alleluia,
Christ, the saviour is born!
Christ, the saviour is born!
3. 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.

END: _____

10. The Holly and The Ivy ^{12`}

Tune John Linton Gardner

(NB: Chorus 'rounds' where indicated: 2nd & 3rd delay start to after "The Ris")

1. The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,
Of all trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown...

The rising of the sun, and the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

2. The holly bears a blossom, as white as lily flow'r,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to be our sweet Savi-our...

The rising of the sun, and the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

3. The holly bears a berry, as red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to do poor sinners good...

(2 Part Round: Choir split into halves, e.g. left & right)

The rising of the sun, and the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

4. The holly bears a prickly, as sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day in the morn...

(2 Part Round: Choir split into halves, e.g. left & right)

The rising of the sun, and the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

5. The holly bears a bark, as bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, for to redeem us all...

(3 Part Round: Choir split into thirds, e.g. left, centre & right)

The rising of the sun, and the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

6. The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,
Of all trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown...

(3 Part Round: Choir split into thirds, e.g. left, centre & right)

The rising of the sun, and the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir. **END:**

11. The Lighthouse Keeper 9#

All in parts: Ooh ooh ooh - x 2 Ooh ooh ooh ooh - x 2

Sopranos: Build your-self a boat, babe -
Make your-self a sail - -
Float into the o-cean -
To no-where - -
Yeah, I see you look-ing -
Look-ing for a sign - -
Pray-ing for a bea-con -
So here's the light - -

Sopranos: My

All in parts: arms will be wide open -

Sopranos: For the

All in parts: mo-ment you a-rrive,

Sopranos: - a-rrive -

(Chorus)

All in parts: When you set sail on your jour-ney And hap-pi-ness is far a-way
Love will guide you till the morn-ing Lead your heart down to the bay
Don't re-sist the rain and storm I'll ne-ver leave you lost at sea
I will be your light-house kee-per Bring you safe-ly home to me
I will be your light-house kee-per Bring you safe-ly home

Sopranos: Yeah, I see you lone-ly - -

Low voices: ooh ooh ooh -

Sopranos: Going it a-lone - -

Low voices: ooh ooh ooh -

Sopranos: Fire up the eng-ine -

Low voices: ooh ooh ooh -

Sopranos: Stoke the coal

Low voices: ooh ooh ooh ooh

All in parts: Float-ing on a fee-ling - Fighting with the tide - -

Sopranos: - Hoping you'll be home for -

All in parts: - - - - Christ-mas time - - -

Sopranos: My

All in parts: arms will be wide open -

Sopranos: For the

All in parts: mo-ment you a-rrive,

Sopranos: - a-rrive -

(Chorus)

All in parts: When you set sail on your jour-ney And hap-pi-ness is far a-way
Love will guide you till the morn-ing Lead your heart down to the bay
Don't re-sist the rain and storm I'll ne-ver leave you lost at sea
I will be your light-house kee-per Bring you safe-ly home to me
I will be your light-house kee-per Bring you safe-ly home_ to_ me_____END

12. White Christmas ¹³

1. I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the treetops glisten and children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow
2. I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
"May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmases be white"
3. I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the treetops glisten and children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow
4. I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
"May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmases be white"

____**END**____