

# ACKLANTHY CHRISTMAS SONGS AND CAROLS

## 1) Chestnuts Roasting

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire  
Jack Frost nipping at your nose.  
Yuletide carols being sung by a choir  
And folks dressed up like Eskimos.  
Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe  
Help to make the season bright.  
Tiny tots with their eyes all a-glow  
Will find it hard to sleep tonight.  
They know that Santa's on his way  
He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh.  
And every mother's child is gonna spy  
To see if reindeer really know how to fly.  
And so I'm offering this simple phrase  
To kids from one to ninety-two.  
Although it's been said many times, many ways,  
Merry Christmas to you.

## 2) 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 gay apparel, fa la la, la la la, la la la  
Troll the ancient yuletide carol, fa la la la la, la la la la  
See the blazing Yule before us Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
Strike the harp and join the chorus Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
Follow me in merry measure Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la  
While I tell of Yule-tide treasure Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
  
Fast away the old year passes Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
Hail the new year, lads and lasses Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Sing we joyous, all together Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la  
Heedless of the wind and weather Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

### **3) I want a hippopotamus for Christmas**

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
Only a hippopotamus will do  
I don't want a doll, no dinky Tinkertoy  
I want a hippopotamus to play with and enjoy

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do you?  
He won't have to use our dirty chimney flue  
Just bring him through the front door  
That's the easy thing to do

I can see me now on Christmas morning  
Creeping down the stairs  
Oh, what joy and what surprise  
When I open up my eyes  
To see my hippo hero standing there

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
Only a hippopotamus will do  
No crocodiles, or rhinoceroses  
I only like hippopotamuses  
And hippopotamuses like me too

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas  
A hippopotamus is all I want  
Mom says the hippo would eat me up But then  
My teacher says a hippo is a vegetarian.

I can see me now on Christmas morning  
Creeping down the stairs  
Oh, what joy and what surprise

When I open up my eyes  
To see my hippo hero standing there

#### **4) Frosty the Snowman**

Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul  
With a corncob pipe and a button nose and two eyes made out of coal.

Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale they say  
He was made of snow but the children know how he came to life one  
day.

There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found  
For when they placed it on his head he began to dance around.

Oh Frosty the Snowman was alive as he could be  
And the children say he could laugh and play  
just the same as you and me.

Thumpety thump thump thumpety thump thump look at Frosty go  
Thumpety thump thump thumpety thump thump over the hills of snow.

Ooh Frosty the snowman knew the sun was hot that day  
So he said, "Let's run and we'll have some fun  
Now before I melt away."

Down to the village With a broomstick in his hand  
Running here and there all around the square  
Saying "catch me if you can!"

He led them down the streets of town Right to the traffic cop  
And he only paused a moment when He heard him holler "Stop!"

Oh, Frosty the snowman Had to hurry on his way  
But he waved goodbye, saying "Don't you cry, I'll be back again  
someday."

### **5) Santa Claus is Comin to Town**

You better watch out you better not cry, better not pout I'm telling you  
why Santa Claus is comin to town.  
He's making a list and checking it twice,  
gonna find out who's naughty or nice  
Santa Claus is comin to town.  
He sees you when you're sleeping,  
he knows when you're awake.  
He knows if you've been bad or good  
so be good for goodness sake.  
Oh! You better watch out, you better not cry,  
better not pout I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is comin to town

### **6) We Wish You a Merry Christmas**

We wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.  
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,  
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy new year.  
We all know that Santa's coming,  
we all know that Santa's coming  
We all know that Santa's coming  
and soon he'll be here.  
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,  
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.

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**7) Have A Holly Jolly Christmas**

Have a holly jolly Christmas, it's the best time of the year  
I don't know if there'll be snow, but have a cup of cheer.

Have a holly jolly Christmas,  
and when you walk down the street.

Say hello to friends you know and everyone you meet.

Oh, ho, the mistletoe hung where you can see  
Somebody waits for you, kiss her once for me.

Have a holly jolly Christmas and in case you didn't hear,  
Oh by golly have a holly jolly Christmas this year.

**8) Jingle Bells**

Dashing through the snow on a one horse open sleigh  
Over the fields we go laughing all the way.  
Bells on boptails ring, making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight.

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.  
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh hey!  
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 we got upset

A day or three 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

Now the ground is white Go it while you're young  
Take the girls tonight And sing this 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

### **9) O Christmas Tree**

O Christmas tree O Christmas tree  
you stand in verdant beauty  
O Christmas tree O Christmas tree  
you stand in verdant beauty  
Your boughs are green in summer's glow  
and do not fade in Winter's snow  
O Christmas Tree O Christmas  
tree you stand in verdant beauty.

O Christmas tree O Christmas tree  
much pleasure doth thou bring me  
O Christmas tree O Christmas tree  
much pleasure doth thou bring me  
For every year the Christmas tree  
brings to us all both joy and glee  
O Christmas tree O Christmas tree  
much pleasure doth thou bring me.

O Christmas tree O Christmas  
tree thy candles shine out brightly  
O Christmas tree O Christmas tree  
thy candles shine out brightly  
Each bough doth hold its tiny light  
that makes each toy to sparkle bright  
O Christmas tree O Christmas  
tree thy candles shine out brightly.

### **10 Joy To the World**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found Far as, 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  
And wonders of His love And wonders, wonders, of His love

## **11) 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 th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

○ Refrain:

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

Christ, by highest Heav’n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time, behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th’incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. Hail the  
heav’nly Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n 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.

Come, Desire of nations, come, Fix in us Thy humble home;

Rise, the woman’s conqu’ring Seed,

Bruise in us the serpent’s head.

Now display Thy saving pow’r, Ruined nature now restore;

Now in mystic union join Thine to ours, and ours to Thine.

## **12) O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem How still we see Thee lie  
Above Thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by

Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in Thee tonight



For Christ is born of Mary And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love

O morning stars, together Proclaim the Holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King And peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is given  
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven

No ear may hear His coming But in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive Him Still the dear Christ enters in

O Holy Child of Bethlehem Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in Be born in us today

We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us Our Lord Emmanuel

### **13) Oh come all ye faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him Born the King of Angels:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above! Glory to God  
In the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given! Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing!

#### **14) What Child is This?**

What Child is this who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,

The Babe, the Son of Mary.  
Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come peasant, king to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise a song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

## **15 Do you hear what I hear**

Said the night wind to the little lamb  
Do you see what I see  
Way up in the sky little lamb  
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

Said the little lamb to the Shepard boy  
Do you hear what I hear  
Ringing through the sky Shepard boy  
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

Said the Shepard boy to the mighty king  
Do you know what I know  
In your palace wall mighty king  
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

Said the king to the people everywhere  
Listen to what I say  
Pray for peace people everywhere  
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  
He will bring us goodness and light

## **16 The Little Drummer Boy**

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 honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum  
When we come

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 the 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?

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

Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum

Me and my drum  
Me and my Drum

### **17 Silent 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.

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