

22nd of December, 2024 – UCC ESPOO & HELSINKI

Song 1 | O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in the dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth!

3. How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still,
The dear Christ enters in.

4. 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 Immanuel!

Song 2 | Glory Be, Glory Be

1. He was born to us on Christmas Day
In a land so far, so far away;
He was born to bear the sin of
All the world, the prophets say!

2. In a field one night the shepherds lay
Caring for the flocks by night and day
Then with a blinding light the skies were
Filled to hear the angels say

*Sing "Glory be, glory be
in the highest to our God!
Glory be, glory be
in the highest to our God!"*

3. The shepherds went with haste to see
If the gospel truth could really be
That Jesus Christ was born, our Saviour,
Lord of all, for you and me!

4. Oh he came to seek and save the lost;
And He bore our sin unto the cross;
Fullness of life is found in Christ alone,
In Him we place our hope.

*Sing "Glory be, glory be
in the highest to our God!
Glory be, glory be
in the highest to our God!"*

5. And one day He'll come again to bring
Perfect justice, peace, and life with Him
And then with all the saints and all the
angels we will ever sing

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Song 3 | What Child is This

1. 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*

2. 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*

*This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud: the Babe, the Son of Mary*

(interlude)

*Nails, spears shall pierce Him through; the Cross He bore for me, for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh: The Babe, The Son of Mary*

Song 4 * | In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter, long, long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what can I give Him: give my heart.

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Praise God for all that he has done
Praise Him for Jesus' reign begun!
He came with love to make us one;
He will return, His kingdom come

Amen.

Song 5 | Away in a Manger (Forever Amen)

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head
The stars in the sky, look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
The dawn of salvation, beginning to break
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, oh gift from above
The King of the heavens forever with us

3. I worship You, Jesus for all of my days
The highest of praises be unto Your name
My God and my Savior, my King and my friend
Yours is the glory, forever amen

Yours is the glory, forever amen
Yours is the glory, forever amen

Song 6 | O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, oh 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
O sing all ye citizens of Heav'n above
Glory to God, glory in the highest
*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord*

Yea Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing
*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who have sinned against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**