

Jesus' birth through the eyes of Isaiah and the Prophets

Games/Music Workshop

WORDS TO THE CAROLS

SILENT NIGHT

Words are by Joseph Mohr

Music is by Franz Gruber

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.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Words from Psalm 98

Music by George Friedrich Handel

Joy to the world,
The Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart
Prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, And heav'n
And nature sing.

AWAY IN A MANGER

Words to verses 1 and 2 are by an anonymous author but the words to verse 3 are by John T. McFarland.

Music is by James R. Murray.

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.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Words by Phillip Brooks

Music by Lewis Redner

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.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Latin hymn, translated by Frederick Oakeley

From Wade's Cantus Diversi

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.

WE THREE KINGS

Words and music by John Hopkins

We three Kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar
Field and fountain
Moor and mountain
Following yonder star
Oh--Oh
Star of Wonder
Star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading
Still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light.

THE FIRST NOEL

English carol before 1823

from Sandy's Christmas Carols 1833

The first 'Noel' the angel did say

Was to certain poor shepherds

In fields as they lay.

In fields where they lay

Keeping their sheep

On a cold winter's night

That was so deep.

No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el,

Born is the King of Israel.

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Words by William Dix

Music is an English melody, Greensleeves

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.

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

Words by Edmund Sears

Music by Richard Willis

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold.
Peace on the Earth
Good will to men
From Heaven's all gracious King.
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

OH, HOLY NIGHT

by Adolphe Adam

Oh, 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
'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.
Oh hear
The angel voices.
Oh night divine,
Oh night, when Christ was born.
Oh night, divine
Oh night,
Oh night, divine.

EXTRA RESOURCE:

from Handel's *MESSIAH*

This is your Bible memory verse, and these words are the words to a famous song, too!

For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given,
and the government shall be upon his shoulder;
and his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counselor,
The Mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.
(Isaiah 9:6)

CAROL FACT CARDS

Away in a Manger

Words and music found in a book in 1885.

Originally called Luther's Cradle Song.

Author of the carol was thought to be Martin Luther.

We do not know who wrote the words for Verses 1 and 2 but we know who wrote verse 3.

His name was John McFarland.

Silent Night

Perhaps this is part of the miracle of "Silent Night." The words flowed from the imagination of a modest pastor. The music was composed by a musician who was not known outside his village. There was no celebrity to sing at its world premiere. Yet its powerful message of heavenly peace has crossed all borders and language barriers, conquering the hearts of people everywhere. It is sung in over 300 languages at Christmastime!

Joy to the World

This carol was written by Isaac Watts who wrote 474 famous hymns!

It was written in 1714 and features words from the Psalms of David.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillip Brooks was inspired to write the words on Christmas Eve in 1867, and the carol was played and sung at church the next day and has been popular ever since!

O Come All Ye Faithful

Originally written in Latin in 1743 and then later translated into English in 1841.

The First Noel

The carol is an old English carol dating from the 13th century--over 800 years old! First printed copy appeared in 1833.

What Child Is This?

William Dix in 1865 wrote the words to this carol and he used a popular English melody entitled "Greensleeves." New words---old tune!

We Three Kings

John Hopkins in 1857 wrote this carol to be part of a Christmas program at his seminary in New York.

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

This song is based on Luke 2 verses 8-9.

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified."

"It Came upon a Midnight Clear" was written by Edmund Hamilton Sears. The tune was composed by Richard Storrs Wills. Sears went to school at Union College in Schenectady, New York, and later Harvard Divinity School. He was a Unitarian, or a member of a religious denomination stressing freedom of belief, at churches in Wayland, Lancaster, and Weston, Massachusetts.

O Holy Night

This carol was written in the 1800's as a poem by a Frenchman named Clappeau who was a wine merchant and a mayor of a town in France. It was later set to music by a French composer, Adolphe Adam.