

# *Spiritualist Carols*

Here is a set of alternative Spiritualist carols, appropriate to sing in our churches and centres, set to traditional tunes, and containing the uplifting message of Spiritualism!

1. It came upon the midnight clear
2. While shepherds watched their flocks by night
3. Hark! The herald angels sing
4. O, Come all ye faithful
5. God rest ye merry gentlemen
6. Silent night
7. Away in a manger
8. O, little town of Bethlehem
9. Angels from the realms of glory



# *It came upon the midnight clear*

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
Their message to unfold.  
"Peace on earth, Goodwill to men"  
The heavens responsive ring -  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful thoughts unfurled,  
And still, their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world.  
But man, at war with man, hears not  
The love-song which they bring,  
Oh, hush the noise, ye men of strife  
And hear the angels sing!

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the rugged way  
With painful steps and slow,  
Take heart, for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing:

O rest beside the weary rod  
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hastening on,  
By prophet-bards foretold,  
When, with the ever-circling years,  
Come round the age of gold;  
Its heavenly radiance fling,  
When peace shall over all the earth  
And all the world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing!

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# *While shepherds watched their flocks by night*

While linking with our friends on high,  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God who thus  
Addressed their joyful song.

The world has much that's beautiful,  
If man would only see  
The spirit world surrounding him  
With loving help so free.

All glory be to God on high  
And to the earth be peace.  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
Begin and never cease.

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# *Hark! the Herald angels sing*

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
List how loud the joy bells ring.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
Earth and spirit reconciled.  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With angelic hosts proclaim,  
Life goes on we live again.  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
Comfort to the earth they bring.

Let the bells of peace ring out,  
Lift your voices - sing and shout.  
Glory be to God on high,  
For we know that man can't die.  
Joyful all ye nations rise.  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With angelic hosts proclaim  
Life goes on we live again,  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
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# *O, Come all ye faithful*

O, Come all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O Come ye, O come ye, to praise our God.  
Come and adore Him  
Father of creation.

**O, Come, let us adore Him,  
O, Come, let us adore Him,  
O, Come, let us adore Him,  
Spirit Divine.**

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.  
Glory to God -  
To God in the highest.

**O, Come, let us adore Him,  
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# *God rest ye merry gentlemen*

God rest ye merry gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Your Angel Friends will guide you  
Throughout this happy day  
They always stand beside you  
When you have gone astray

## Chorus

O Tidings of Comfort and Joy  
Comfort and Joy  
O Tidings of Comfort and Joy

The Light of Truth shines all around  
If We would only see  
God shows His Plan to Everyone  
To know how things should be  
And if you hearken to His Voice  
Then you will soon be free

Repeat Chorus

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# *Silent Night*

Silent night, Holy night,  
Where was dark, all is light.  
Breezes whispering soft and low  
Gently murmuring as they blow,  
Peace, Goodwill to men -  
Peace, Goodwill to men.

Silent night, Holy night  
Guiding star, shed your light.  
Hark! The music from spirit we hear  
Telling all, that Christmas is here.  
Peace, Goodwill to men -  
Peace, Goodwill to men.

Silent night, Holy night.  
Welcome angels, pure and bright.  
Glories stream from heav'n afar.  
Heavenly hosts sing "alleluia"  
Peace, Goodwill to men -  
Peace, Goodwill to men.

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## *Tune: Away in a manger*

The season of goodwill,  
The season of cheer,  
Recall the departed  
All those we hold dear.  
A time for reflection,  
Regrets are in vain,  
The past wrongs are dead,  
So begin once again.

Our friends come from spirit  
To help us rejoice,  
For love lasts forever,  
Let us sing with one voice,  
To celebrate Christmas  
In a spiritual way,  
We learn by mistakes  
To evolve day by day.

We celebrate Christmas  
With family and friend,  
The season of goodwill,  
All rifts for to mend.  
Rejoice all ye nations,  
Surround earth with peace,  
Goodwill and contentment,  
So conflict will cease.

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## *Tune: O, little town of Bethlehem*

O, Christmas is the time of year  
When thoughts turn to those in need,  
It offers us a golden chance  
to do a kindly deed.  
God's children all, should have a claim,  
Not just your small fold,  
Remember all the lonely ones  
The sick, the poor, the old.

O, Christmas is the time of year  
When hearts are so full of love  
We bury wrongs and start anew  
With blessings from above,  
All honour to the Father,  
And ever more be peace.  
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# *Angels from the realms of glory*

Angels from the realms of glory  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim the Spirits birth.

**Come....and worship,  
Worship God the Father.  
Come.....and worship,  
Worship our one Father God.**

Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night.  
God with men is now residing,  
Yonder shines the Spirit light.

## **Chorus**

People leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam around.  
Seek the great Desire of Nations,  
You have seen, and Spirit found.

## **Chorus**

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