

Seasonal songfest

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Was to certain poor shepherds in field as they lay:
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

"Deck the Halls" recalls the Welsh tradition of bringing greenery inside for Christmas. Today the song is sung all over the world, and boughs of holly are transported so we can still deck our own halls.

"Deck the halls 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

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" is another traditional carol with no known origin that has been a favorite of carolers from the times of the minstrels of England.

"God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ, our Savior, was born on this day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r,
When we were gone astray,
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy

The father of hymns, Isaac Watts,

wrote the words to "Joy to the World." It was originally sung in England to music written by Edward Hodges, but an American, Lowell Mason, revamped the carol and put it at music by the composer Handel.

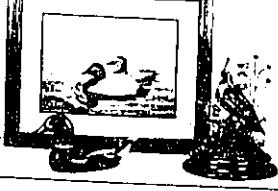
"Joy to the world, the Lord is come"
Let earth receive her king
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
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"O Come, All Ye Faithful" was originally sung in Latin as "Adeste Fideles" but didn't become popular until after Frederick Oakeley translated it into English in 1841. The music is usually credited to John Reading, an English organist in Winchester during the last half of the 17th century.

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

"I'll be home for Christmas" was written by Kim Gannon, Walter Kent and Buck Ram.

"I'll be home for Christmas
You can plan on me
Please have snow and mistletoe and presents on the tree.
Christmas Eve will find me, where the lovelight gleams
I'll be home for Christmas if only in my dream."

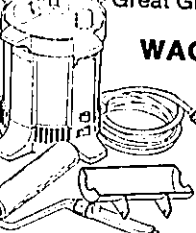


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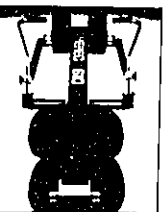
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