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Old Songs
of Yule

CHRISTMAS EVE draws near in every civilized land there is the customary revival of interest in the beloved old songs and carols that for hundreds of years have gladdened the hearts of men.

Back into the mists of the ages must we delve in our search for records of the first Christmas carol. We find that the pagans had chants that they sang at the season of the year when days were shortest. There is the song of Isalah, beginning, "Sing, Oh Heaven, Be Joyful, Oh Earth!" And there is the song of Micah, dating seven centuries before Christ's birth. Tradition says that the oldest of all Christian hymns was sung by the angels above the fields of Bethlehem; and later by the barbarian martyrs in the arena at Rome.

Today the singing of Christmas carols is almost a universal custom.

There is scarce a community boasting a little red school house, or church, where will not gather, on Christmas Eve, the farmers with rosy-cheeked families to lustily join in the biggest event of the whole year, the Christmas community "sing." Church choirs in the villages and cities, as usual, will render their special Christmas programs. Yet, is there one among us who does not best love the custom of singing the old songs beneath the candle-lit window, for "sweet charity's sake?"

With the thought of the little bands of singers soon to start on their pilgrimages, from door to door, giving of their talents to the poor, there comes to mind the old English custom still observed in rural communities, although the cities know it no more. These little bands of carolers, called wails, sang the identical songs that every Englishman loves today, although they were first heard centuries ago. It is one of the picturesque English customs that have survived through the ages.

The radio's discovery brought with it an immense revival of interest in the Christmas carol. Thousands upon thousands of folk who will sit at their desks on Christmas Eve eager to "listen in" are becoming familiar with the ancient carols and Christmas songs in a way that could not be possible before its advent. Last year the broadcast of Christmas songs by world famous artists was one of the most delightful events connected with the pleasures of the season. The old carols were the features of the programs. This year, as last, the most beautiful Christmas song will probably be "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," Phillips Brooks' masterpiece, the most popular of all the many and lovely numbers sent over the air. This song is probably the best loved modern composition, dealing with the birth of Christ. "When Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night" is the oldest carol written in our language. It is the work of Nahun Tate, poet laureate of England in 1692.

France, Italy, Wales and Ireland, it is said, are among the countries that cling closest to the custom of carol singing. France calls her Christmas songs "noels," from "nativity" which signifies, originally a cry of joy at Christmas.

Many of the famous old Christmas songs are cheerful, heartwarming and suggestive of the good times of the season. However, the most beautiful and best loved are the carols that breathe a spirit of reverence and tell in simple words the story of the manger and God's gift to the whole world.

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On Christmas Day

God rest ye, little children; let nothing you affright,
For Jesus Christ your Savior, was born this happy night;
Along the hills of Galilee the white socks sleeping lay,
When Christ, the Child of Nazareth, was born on Christmas Day.
—Dinah Maria Mulock.

Christmas Carolers

Among the many superstitions relating to children born on Christmas day is a belief that they are able to excel in music. They also are credited with possessing abnormal intelligence.

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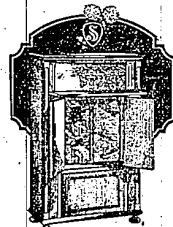
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