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Season's greetings

Welcome to Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight. Each year Carols by Candlelight brings families together to share in the joy of Christmas, something more important than ever this year.

While 2020 has been full of surprises, one thing that hasn't changed is the support Vision Australia provides to children who are blind or have low vision and their families. We've again been there for thousands of children across Australia, helping them to succeed at school, develop important life skills, learn to use technology to be independent, and enjoy all the wonders childhood has to offer.

This year, we hope you can join the spirit of Christmas by enjoying Carols by Candlelight and helping us to raise funds so we can continue to provide our services for children. Your generosity will help Vision Australia make the future as bright as possible for children who are blind or have low vision and their families.

Merry Christmas!

Ron Hooton, Vision Australia CEO

Channel 9 is proud to be partnering once again with Vision Australia to broadcast the 83rd edition of Carols by Candlelight.

Having recently returned to the Nine family, it is an honour for me to be continuing our partnership with such a quintessential Melbourne event, raising money for inspirational men, women and children who are blind or have low vision. A night of wonderful Christmas carols is just what Victorians need after the year we've all had. On behalf of Nine, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Matt James, Nine Melbourne Managing Director

The sounds of Christmas

Since its inception in 1938, Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight has become a much-loved Christmas tradition and this year is no exception. In what has been a year like no other, the Channel 9 broadcast will be more special than ever before. Viewers can hope to see all their favourite Carols stars they've come to expect as well as some exciting new faces, bringing you a magical performance of the sounds of Christmas.

Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight has over 80 years of history, supporting children who are blind or have low vision to live the life they choose. On Christmas Eve, donations will be matched by generous partners of Vision Australia to double the impact for these wonderful kids and their families.

Carols by Candlelight began as the concept of Norman

Changing lives for more than 80 years

Banks MBE, a veteran of radio. On Christmas Eve in 1937, he noticed an elderly woman sitting by her window, her face lit only by a candle. Next to her was a radio and she was singing along to the Christmas carol, *Away in a Manger*. It was at this moment that Banks was inspired to create a gathering of people to sing Carols by Candlelight.

The annual event has seen some of Australia's biggest names perform including Madame Florence Austral, Gilda Grauen, Robert Simmons, Mary Miller, Robert Payne, William Laird and John Lanigan. Australia's Queen of Song, Gladys Moncrieff, appeared on the program in 1942, the same year the event reached worldwide acclaim and

included special messages from the lord mayors of London and New York via a radio hook up.

From 1949, Vision Australia (then the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind) became the main beneficiary of the event. In 1959, the event moved from Alexandra Gardens to the just-opened larger venue, the Sidney Myer Music Bowl, where more than 100,000 people attended. This year we celebrate 61 years of this annual tradition at the Bowl, providing support for the Vision Australia community and bringing together families during the festive season.

In the past decade, the number of famous guests has increased with crowd favourites Denis Walter, Marina Prior, Silvie Paladino, David

Hobson, Lucy Durack, Debra Byrne, Delta Goodrem, Rob Mills, Guy Sebastian, the cast from *Come From Away*, Casey Donovan, Dami Im, Christie Whelan Browne and Anthony Callea, celebrating Australian music and musicians.

Christmas is a time to enjoy and a time to make a difference. Deck your living rooms with tinsel, leave our some biccies for Santa, a carrot for Rudolph and settle in front of the TV for a night of unforgettable live performances.

Be part of Australia's biggest Christmas tradition with Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight. For more information about how to donate, visit givetocarols.com.



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Australia's most loved performers will get into the Christmas spirit to delight fans at Carols by Candlelight

Sing it loud

EDDIE MCGUIRE & LIVINIA NIXON



This year, Melbourne's favourite weather presenter Livinia Nixon, along with host of Millionaire Hot Seat Eddie McGuire, will co-host Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight, both making their Carols debut to present the much-loved variety spectacular for the national broadcast – live from 8.00pm Christmas Eve on Channel 9.

Livinia Nixon said: "I am thrilled to be involved in my first Carols by Candlelight alongside Eddie, in what has truly been a year like no other. There has been so much hardship and struggle, and to quote one of my favourite carols; "We need a little Christmas". I'm hoping we can help people focus on the joy of Christmas and what we have to be thankful for.

"With incredible performers on a spectacular night I hope we can also raise some much-needed money to support children and families who are blind or have low vision."

Eddie McGuire said, "My fondest memories of Christmas as a little boy are of watching Brian Naylor host Carols by Candlelight while helping mum bake for Christmas lunch. We'd then all head off together to midnight mass. To this day, my family and I all sit down and watch Carols by Candlelight every year. In our fast-moving, ever-changing lives, Carols is a Christmas Eve tradition that we all look forward to.

"I genuinely love Christmas. Whether as a little boy or a father, it is the best time of year. We really embrace the Christmas spirit at our house. I've always enjoyed watching the show every year and I'm really excited and chuffed to be involved."

Together they'll welcome a star-studded line-up of artists including one of the country's most powerful voices Anthony Callea, as well as Tim Campbell, a star of both stage and screen.

The superb Casey Donovan will bring her powerhouse vocals to the Sidney Myer Music Bowl along with



CASEY DONOVAN

rock music sensation Ella Hooper. Hunters & Collectors frontman Mark Seymour will make a special family appearance, performing alongside his daughters Eva and Hannah Seymour.

Ahead of a much-anticipated Sydney premiere next year, Melbourne will get a preview of an exclusive performance by the cast of Hamilton.

Returning by popular demand will be Rob Mills, Bobby Fox and Christie Whelan Browne, along with the beautiful harmonies of CDB.

Accomplished singer/songwriter and Aria award-winning artist Dami Im will bring her soaring vocals to the Bowl, whilst children's entertainer and social media sensation Jimmy Rees makes his solo debut.



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CHRIS SEBASTIAN

MARINA PRIOR

DENIS WALTER

Synonymous with Carols, the much loved "Carols Family", Marina Prior, Denis Walter, Silvie Paladino and David Hobson will return with some breathtaking performances.

After breaking box office records during the Melbourne season of Come from Away, cast members Zoe Gertz and Phillip Lowe will perform together ahead of their return season at the Comedy Theatre this January.

Fresh from winning The Voice this year, Chris Sebastian will make a triumphant return to Carols after last performing alongside his brother Guy in 2005.

After bringing the house down last year with her rocking

rendition of Mariah Carey's All I Want for Christmas Is You, television and music star Bonnie Anderson returns to sprinkle more Christmas cheer.

Global singer Isaiah Firebrace will light up the stage when he too returns to Carols.

West End and Australian music theatre star Simon Gleeson is back for another captivating performance. Making their Carols debuts are award-winning singer-songwriter Jess Hitchcock as well as the incredible Timothy Bowen, as seen on this year's season of The Voice.

Known to millions around the world from her long-time association as the Star Soprano with André Rieu, Mirusia

Louwerse makes her long-awaited Carols debut.

Plus, the fastest-selling jazz musician in British history, award-winning English singer, songwriter and pianist Jamie Cullum will deliver a very special performance.

The Carols by Candlelight Orchestra returns under the baton of musical director Maestro John Foreman, ably assisted by Choir Master Doug Heywood OAM.

John Foreman said: "In a year like no other, I think this Carols will be more special than ever. Not only will we have some of Australia's biggest names up on stage doing what they do best, but it's also important to remember we're giving back to a charity that desperately needs support."

The magic of Christmas

In a year like no other, number one recording artist Isaiah Firebrace will join a stellar line-up of Aussie singers performing this Christmas Eve. Here, we chatted with Isaiah about his favourite Christmas traditions.



ISAIAH FIREBRACE

What has been your most memorable Christmas?

Last year was really wonderful as I got to spend it with my grandmother in Portland – really special because I don't get to see her very much so it was a beautiful time.

How will you be spending Christmas this year?

I'm catching up with my mum and my sisters after a long year of not seeing them. Such a long, tough year so it will be really nice to have the extra time with family.

What has been your best ever Christmas present?

I recently was given sky diving vouchers – I haven't done it yet but I think that will be my best ever present although I am terrified!!!

Did you get to choose your own song this year?

Yes this year I am doing one of my absolute favourites. I love singing this song and this one really gets me in the Christmas spirit!

Do you have a favourite Christmas song or carol?

I love Oh Holy Night, Silent Night and the song I will be singing which I can't tell you yet!!!! I'm really glad 2020 is nearly over and singing at the Bowl will be the perfect way to finish off a difficult year. I know I will have a tear in my eye for the year that was tough for so many. We did it Melbourne and we are singing carols again – what a wonderful time of the year!!

Isaiah xx



Carols at home

We asked you to show us how you would be celebrating #carolsathome this Christmas Eve and much like Santa, you delivered!

THE TAIT FAMILY

My gorgeous two-year-old daughter loves to sing carols and can't wait for Santa with her little two-month old sister



THE TAIT FAMILY



THE WATES FAMILY

THE WATES FAMILY

2020 has been a rough year but we were blessed by welcoming our second gorgeous boy to our family and we are excited to continue our tradition of watching Carols by Candlelight on Christmas Eve for the 14th year in a row with our new family of four. We are looking at the upside of #carolsathome including not lining up from 9am, trying our hardest to get the perfect lawn spot and not having to wait to use the bathroom. Although we will still be enjoying the view of Carols outside with our outdoor screening all set up ready to welcome our friends

and family on Christmas Eve to really bring on that Carols by Candlelight atmosphere. Our son has prepared candles to sell to raise money for Vision Australia as well as a gold coin donation sausage sizzle. Bring on the festivities of #carolsathome 2020!



THE AUSTIN FAMILY

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This Christmas Eve is going to be a very different one to what we normally experience. For the last 24 years, every Christmas Eve we have been sitting in the scorching sun, getting sun burnt enjoying the amazing atmosphere at Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight. This year, our first Christmas as a family of four, we will be watching at home in our matching PJs...one Christmas we will never forget



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THE MITZI FAMILY

THE DICKSON FAMILY

Crazy Christmas Jumper
Family eagerly waiting
for the carols this year!!!!

THE MITZI FAMILY

Christmas stories around the tree is
our family tradition before Carols.
The grandkids love it!



THE DICKSON FAMILY



Watch Vision
Australia's Carols
by Candlelight
December 24, 8pm
AEST on Channel 9
to see if your picture
made it onto the
broadcast!

THE MAZUR FAMILY

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We are so sad to miss out on Vision
Australia's Carols so we made cupcakes
for our elf friends to cheer us up! We wish
Vision Australia the very best merry Christmas ever.



THE BAKER FAMILY

THE BAKER FAMILY

Diy candles, Santa hats &
new memories

THE HOSKING FRIENDS

Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho



THE HOSKING FRIENDS



Building brighter futures

The future is bright for our young Carols by Candlelight ambassadors. We are incredibly proud of these amazing kids and the support you give them. Make Christmas twice as special this December 24 by donating at givetocarols.com.

August Harris, age 1

When August was only 8 weeks old, it became apparent to his parents Alex and James Harris that he was unable make eye contact and had a lack of awareness of his environment. They discovered August was born with Albinism, a rare condition that causes the body to not produce enough melanin, which also meant that the nerves in his eyes were unable to develop in the womb.

The team at Vision Australia were there right from the very first days of August's diagnosis, providing the Harris family with specialist care and support for their toddler.

"August has a wonderful team of people who are helping him reach all of his goals. This team consists of Emma (August's early childhood specialist teacher), Chris (his physiotherapist), and Leo (his occupational therapist). Emma's focus right from the start was on the importance of early intervention. Understanding that the sooner the better, the wheels started turning," said mum Alex.

In less than a year, August has achieved some major

milestones in normal time, despite the uncertainty of the COVID-19 lockdowns and thanks to the efforts and care of Vision Australia over Zoom.

Alex said, "August was able to join a trial song play programme that Vision Australia provided together with the Melbourne Recital Centre, which he absolutely loved.

"Despite our inability to leave the home, Vision Australia has provided us with tactile books and toys for August to play with. Any out-of-home facilities have been more than compensated for by the assistance provided by Vision Australia. One of the more recent services they have provided is coming with us to a local day-care as COVID-19 restrictions eased, to assist and assess the centre for August's needs, and assist the staff in August's care."

The team at Vision Australia have helped Alex and James to gain confidence within themselves and are providing the family with the right tools to ensure August can do anything he sets his mind to as he continues to grow.

You're a star, August!

Haya Dagher, age 9

Nine-year-old Haya has great ambitions, is an expert cook, loves playing board games with her sister Mariam and is teaching her three-year-old brother Ali to also join in on the fun. Her career goal right now is to become a coder like her dad and if that doesn't go ahead, she'd like to be an astronaut or a scuba diver. Go Haya!

Haya was born with Bilateral Optic Nerve Colobomas, where the optic nerves and retinas at the back of both eyes did not develop before she was born. This means Haya is legally blind and can only see blurry shapes and colours.

When asked what Vision Australia meant to Haya's mum, Nour Abou Esber said, "Vision Australia means everything! They were the first organisation I met who were able to help me. They have been an amazing support and to be honest, Haya's teacher Natalie is Vision Australia."

"We have been able to use their facilities and borrow books. I learned how to cope

with Haya's daily activities, simple things – but still very important – and I couldn't have done it without Natalie's support. One of the most important things is that I learned how to treat Haya equally – just like her brother and sister. Vision Australia has made it easy and for that I am forever grateful."

Vision Australia's tailored support looks at all aspects of Haya's wellbeing. Not only has she mastered the use of a braille display, she is currently learning how to read even faster and more fluently. But what make Haya really happy is being surrounded by her family and friends. A social butterfly, she is not afraid to be adventurous and dreams of exciting things for her future – there's no stopping this little powerhouse.

"Vision Australian have helped me and my family a lot and it's now my turn to help them raise some money – and I just like helping people. I want to educate people about Vision Australia."

We think you can too, Haya. Reach for the stars!



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“Vision Australia offered just about every service imaginable in order to provide me with the best opportunities in my young life.”



Sam Valavanis, age 18
Sam Valavanis has become accustomed to defying the odds. Now 18, Sam has been legally blind since the age of four after he was diagnosed with Bilateral Retinoblastoma – a rare cancer which meant having to have both eyes removed. But Sam hasn't let that get in the way of adapting to life without sight with remarkable resilience.

The team at Vision Australia have been right there from the very first days of Sam's diagnosis, supporting him through every hurdle. “Since my mum rang them in tears the day after she found out I was going to be blind, Vision Australia offered just about every service imaginable in order to provide me with the best opportunities in my young life. From Early Childhood Development to Orientation & Mobility instructors and beyond, they have always been there for my family and I when we've needed them most,” said Sam.

One of Sam's biggest achievements was holding a presentation at his school to promote “International Day of People with a Disability.” Along

with guest speakers from Vision Australia, Sam delivered a speech to his Year 8 and Year 11 classmates and shared a powerful and evocative message which left his teachers and peers feeling humbled and with an enriched appreciation for people with a disability.

Sam is also the inspiration behind the book *Life Through Sam's Eyes*. Written by his parents Jim and Lisa Valavanis, they share their moving story of what they went through and how they coped with Sam's condition and treatment.

With the help of Vision Australia, Sam continues to thrive and is looking forward to participating in Vision Australia's LEAP Up program. “This program will assist teens like me in developing adequate skills when transitioning from high school to a tertiary setting (such as university or TAFE), in order to obtain the best experiences from their course as possible. I have enjoyed [the parent program] LEAP so much, and am super excited to begin LEAP Up,” said Sam.

Well done Sam, you should be immensely proud!

Tom Kennedy, age 12
Soon after Tom was born, his family noticed a possible issue with his eyes. This led to a trip to a specialist, where he was diagnosed with Familial Exudative Vitreoretinopathy – a congenital disorder where the blood vessels in the retina do not develop normally.

This rare condition has left Tom with very little vision; he can only see from the bottom of his right eye and focus on an object if it's inches from his face.

Thankfully, an almost immediate referral from his specialist put Tom on the right path to get the help he required. Working with Vision Australia's Early Childhood Intervention team, Tom soon began to receive the support he needed to hit developmental milestones like any child his age.

Through the help of Vision Australia, Tom is gaining confidence day by day: “Vision Australia have helped me get my Mountbatten Braille so I can learn braille and do my school work, they have provided me with some canes which help me get around independently. The first time I went to Vision Australia, my occupational therapist Natalie showed me a liquid level indicator which helps me to pour drinks without flooding the kitchen. She's also taught me tricks with putting toothpaste on my brush, tying my shoelaces and getting ready for things like camp,” Tom said.

Some of Tom's biggest achievements include being elected school captain (something he's longed for since kindergarten), learning how to read braille (which he

insists gets easier with more practise), and learning how to play blind cricket.

And if that's not enough, Tom even has direct access to Qantas' CEO Alan Joyce. Tom recently sent an email to the CEO to quiz him about employing people with disabilities – watch out for your job, Alan!

Mum Peta Kennedy said, “Vision Australia has become a part of our family and have been there from the beginning to share all of our highs and lows. Helping us think about the future and putting things in place to help Tom be independent and capable in the future so he can be successful in what he chooses is so important – and that is something that Vision Australia helps us with.”



Christmas is a time to share. A moment to give.

Your generous donation to Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight will make such a difference to kids who are blind or have low vision.

Don't miss your chance to make this Christmas **TWICE AS SPECIAL!** Please donate this Christmas Eve at givetocarols.com

\$30

x2 = \$60

which could help pay for tactile toys so children can learn shapes and textures

\$50

x2 = \$100

which could help pay for Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone to be produced in Braille

\$100

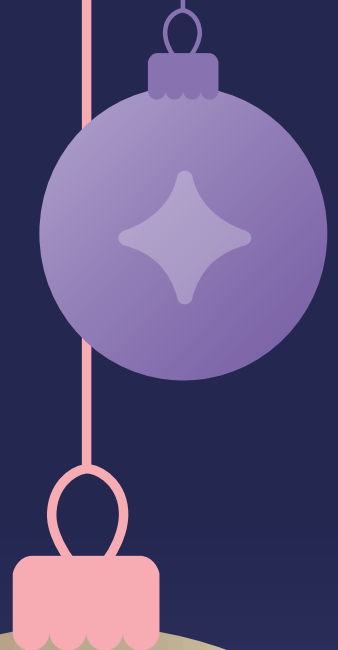
x2 = \$200

which could help teach a child to get around independently

\$500

x2 = \$1,000

which could help set up the best assistive technology for a high school student



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We launched

Code Jumper

an award-winning educational tool that helps students aged from 7 to 11 learn the basics of computer coding and programming, regardless of their level of vision.



119 people

attended our second Career Starters event, designed to help young people who are blind or have low vision, and their families, explore future career possibilities.

211 Seeing Eye Dogs

were provided support Australia-wide.



1769

Feelix reading kits were borrowed, helping 443 of our youngest clients achieve learning milestones

What we do with your help...

160,000

print pages converted into accessible formats including Braille, e-text, large print and tactual graphics.

Here's what donations like yours helped make possible this year

7744 hours

of early intervention services such as speech therapy and occupational therapy provided to

402 children

under the age of 4 this year.



Letters from Santa

In partnership with Australia Post, we provided braille and large print letters from Santa to young clients.



Children's services

Vision Australia provides specialist services that support families to help their children achieve the greatest levels of independence.

MOBILITY SERVICES

To help children develop skills to move around safely and independently.

PHYSICAL, OCCUPATIONAL and SPEECH THERAPIES

To develop everyday living skills such as getting dressed, preparing food or brushing their teeth.

COUNSELLING

With the input of parents and other role models, we offer support to children and their families.

EARLY EDUCATION

Services like our Feelix Library allow children to learn in a unique sensory way and supports their literacy skills.



BRAILLE and ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Helping children to enter mainstream education using the techniques of their choice to read, write and communicate.



1961 children

received 32,660 hours of support across Australia.



21 students

were awarded Vision Australia Further Education Bursaries, providing them with adaptive technology such as screen readers and visual aids.



15 people

took part in the expanded Learn, Engage, Act, Perform (LEAP) employability and leadership program aimed at 14-17 year olds. Participants particularly enjoyed one-on-one sessions with their mentors and presentations from ambassadors from LinkedIn, Melbourne Fashion Festival and Vision Australia.



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we celebrate the festive season

Good King Wenceslas

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Good King Wenceslas looked out
On the Feast of Stephen
When the snow lay round about
Deep and crisp and even
Brightly shone the moon that night
Though the frost was cruel
When a poor man came in sight
Gathering winter fuel

Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou knowst it, telling
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?
Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain
Right against the forest fence
By Saint Agnes fountain.

Bring me flesh and bring me wine
Bring me pine logs hither
Thou and I shall see him dine
When we bear them thither.
Page and monarch, forth they went
Forth they went together
Through the rude winds wild lament
And the bitter weather

Sire, the night is darker now
And the wind blows stronger
Fails my heart, I know not how
I can go no longer.
Mark my footsteps, good my page
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shall find the winters rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.

In his masters step he trod
Where the snow lay dinted
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed
Therefore, Christian men, be sure
Wealth or rank possessing
Ye, who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.



We Wish You a Merry Christmas

Traditional

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!

Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!

Now bring us some figgy pudding
Now bring us some figgy pudding
Now bring us some figgy pudding
And a cup of good cheer!
Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!

We won't go until we get some
We won't go until we get some
We won't go until we get some
So bring it right here!
Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!
Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!

Jingle Bells

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Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
Over the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on bobtails ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh

A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride
And soon, Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side
The horse was lean and lank
Misfortune seemed his lot
He got into a drifted bank
And then we got upst

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh

A day or two ago
The story I must tell
I went out on the snow
And on my back I fell
A gent was riding by
In a one-horse open sleigh
He laughed as there I sprawling lie
But quickly drove away

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way!
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh

Song of Joy

Composer: de Los Rios/Parker/Orbe

Come sing a song of joy
For peace shall come my brother
Sing, sing a song of joy
For men shall love each other

That day will dawn
Just as sure
As hearts that are pure
Are hearts set free
No man must stand alone
With outstretched hand before him

Reach out and take them in yours
With love that endures for evermore
Then sing a song of joy
For love and understanding

Come sing a song of joy
For peace shall come my brother
Sing, sing a song of joy
For men shall love each other

That day will dawn just as sure
As hearts that are pure are hearts set free
No man must stand alone
With outstretched hand before him

Reach out and take them in yours
With love that endures for evermore
Then sing a song of joy
For love and understanding

One mighty voice
That will bring a sound
That will ring for evermore
Then sing a song of joy
For love and understanding



Ding Dong Merrily On High

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Ding dong, ding dong
Ding dong, ding dong
Ding dong merrily on high
In heaven the bells are ringing
Ding dong, verily the sky
Is riven with angel singing
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis

E'en so here below, below
Let steeple bells be swungen
And io, io, io

By priest and people singing
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers
May you beautifully rhyme
Your eve-time song, ye singers
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis

Hallelujah Chorus

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Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth
Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
(repeat)

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth
Hallelujah
(repeat twice)

The Kingdom of this world
Is become the Kingdom of our Lord
And of His Christ, and of His Christ
And He shall reign for ever and ever
(repeat three times)

King of Kings
Forever and ever Hallelujah, Hallelujah
And Lord of Lords
Forever and ever Hallelujah, Hallelujah
(repeat)

King of Kings
Forever and ever Hallelujah, Hallelujah
And Lord of Lords
King of Kings and Lord of Lords
And He shall reign, and He shall reign
And He shall reign, and He shall reign

Forever and ever
King of Kings
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
And Lord of Lords
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
He shall reign forever and ever

King of Kings and Lord of Lords
King of Kings and Lord of Lords
He shall reign forever and ever
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Halle-lu-jaaaah

The Holy City

Traditional. Music by Stephen Adams; words by
Frederick E. Weatherly. Public Domain.

Last night I lay a-sleeping
There came a dream so fair,
I stood in old Jerusalem
Beside the temple there.
I heard the children singing,
And ever as they sang
Methought the voice of angels
From heaven in answer rang,
Methought the voice of angels

From heaven in answer rang.
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna to your King!
And then methought my dream was changed,
The streets no longer rang.
Hushed were the glad Hosannas
The little children sang.
The sun grew dark with mystery,
The morn was cold and chill,
As the shadow of a cross arose
Upon a lonely hill,
As the shadow of a cross arose

Upon a lonely hill.
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
Hark! How the angels sing,
Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna to your King!
And once again the scene was changed,
New earth there seemed to be.
I saw the Holy City
Beside the tideless sea.
The light of God was on its streets,
The gates were open wide,
And all who would might enter,
And no one was denied.
No need of moon or stars by night,
Or sun to shine by day;
It was the new Jerusalem
That would not pass away,
It was the new Jerusalem

That would not pass away.
Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
Sing for the night is o'er!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna forevermore!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna forevermore!



Angels We Have Heard On High

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Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly, sweetly through the night
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brief delight

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Yeah

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Hark the Herald Angel Sing

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Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th' angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem

Hark, the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of peace
Hail! the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all he brings
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the some of earth
Born to give them second birth

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Amazing Grace

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Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Silent Night

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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

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, oh, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth



Joy to the World

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Joy to the world
 Joy to the world
 Joy to the world, the Lord is
 come
 Let earth receive her King
 Let every heart prepare Him
 room
 And Heaven and nature sing
 And Heaven and nature sing
 And Heaven, and Heaven, and
 nature sing
 Joy to the world
 Joy to the world
 Joy to the World, the Saviour
 reigns!
 Let men their songs employ
 While fields and floods, rocks,
 hills and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy
 Repeat the sounding joy
 Repeat, repeat, the sounding
 joy
 Joy to the world, now we sing
 Let the earth receive her king
 Joy to the world, now we sing
 Let the angel voices ring
 Joy to the world, now we sing
 Let men their songs employ
 Joy to the world, now we sing
 Repeat the sounding joy
 Oh oh
 He rules the world with truth
 and grace
 And makes the nations prove
 The light of His righteousness
 And wonders of His love
 And wonders of His love
 And wonders of His love
 And wonders, wonders, of
 His love
 And wonders, wonders, of
 His love
 Joy to the world, now we sing
 Let the earth receive her king
 Joy to the world, now we sing
 Let the angel voices ring

Oh Come All Ye Faithful

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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
 O come, all ye faithful
 O come, all ye faithful
 O come, all ye faithful to
 Bethlehem
 O come, all ye faithful
 O come, all ye faithful
 O come, all ye faithful to
 Bethlehem
 Oh, sing, choirs of angels
 Sing in exultation
 Oh, come, oh come ye to
 Bethlehem
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 O come, let us adore Him
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 Bethlehem
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 Bethlehem

The First Noel

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The First Noel, the Angels 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.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
 Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
 Shining in the East beyond them far
 And to the earth it gave great light
 And so it continued both day and night.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
 Born is the King of Israel

Then let us all with one accord
 Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
 That hath made Heaven and earth of nought
 And with his blood mankind has bought.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
 Born is the King of Israel



Oh Holy Night

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O holy night the stars are brightly
 shining
 It is the night of our dear Saviour's
 birth
 Long lay the world in sin and error
 pining
 Till He appeared and the soul felt
 its worth
 A thrill of hope the weary world
 rejoices
 For yonder breaks a new glorious
 morn
 Fall on your knees
 O hear the angels' voices
 O night divine
 O night when Christ was born
 O night divine o night
 O night divine
 A thrill of hope the weary world
 rejoices
 For yonder breaks a new glorious
 morn
 Fall on your knees
 O hear the angels' voices
 O night divine
 O night when Christ was born
 O night divine o night
 O night divine
 Ooh yes it was
 Ooh it is the night of our dear
 Savior's birth
 Oh yeah, oh yeah, oh yeah, yeah
 It was a holy holy holy, oh oh oh

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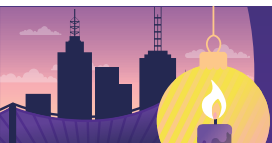


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