

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

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This English carol from the 16th century was first printed in the 1700's and was mentioned in Charles Dickens 1843 story "A Christmas Carol." Here are all seven! verses from the 1833 version of this song.

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power, When we were gone astray.

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy

2. In Bethlehem, in Jury, This blessed babe was born
And laid within a manger Upon this blessed morn
The which his mother Mary, Nothing did take in scorn.

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3. From God our Heavenly Father, A blessed Angel came,
And unto certain Shepherds, Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born, The Son of God by name.

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4. Fear not, then said the Angel, Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour, Of virtue, power and might;
So frequently to vanquish all, The friends of Satan quite.

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5. The Shepherds at those tidings, Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a feeding, In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway, This blessed babe to find.

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6. But when to Bethlehem they came, Whereas this infant lay,
They found him in a manger, Where oxen feed on hay,
His mother Mary kneeling, Unto the Lord did pray.

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7. Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood, Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface.

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