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# Jingle Bells

(key of D)

D G  
Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh  
A7 D  
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way  
D G  
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright  
A7 D  
What fun it is to ride and sing, a sleighing song tonight.

## Chorus:

D  
*Jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way;*  
G D E7 A  
*Oh! what fun it is to ride, in a one-horse open sleigh.*  
D  
*Jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way;*  
G D A7 D  
*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 upsot.

## Chorus

Now the ground is white, go it while you're young,  
Take the girls along, and sing this sleighing song;  
Just get a bobtailed bay, two forty as his speed  
Hitch him to an open sleigh, and crack! you'll take the lead.

## Chorus

(James Pierpont)

# Winter Wonderland

(key of A)

*Intro (last line of verse):* B7 E7 A

A

**Verse 1:** Sleigh bells ring, are you list'nin?

E7

In the lane, snow is glist'nin,

A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight.

B7 E7 A

Walking in a winter wonderland.

**Verse 2:** Gone away is the bluebird,  
Here to stay is a new bird;  
He sings a love song, as we go along,  
Walking in a winter wonderland.

C# G#7 C#

**Bridge 1:** In the meadow we can build a snowman,

G#7 C#

Then pretend that he is Parson Brown;

E B7 E

He'll say "Are you married?" We'll say "No man!

F# B7 Esus E7

But you can do the job when you're in town".

**Verse 3:** Later on, we'll conspire,  
As we dream by the fire  
To face unafraid, the plans that we've made,  
Walking in a winter wonderland.

**Bridge 2:** In the meadow we can build a snowman,  
And pretend that he's a circus clown;  
We'll have lots of fun with mister snowman,  
Until the other kiddies knock him down.

**Verse 3:** When it snows, ain't it thrillin',  
Though your nose gets a chillin',  
We'll frolic and play, the Inuit way,  
Walking in a winter wonderland.  
Walking in a winter wonderland.

(Felix Bernard and Richard B. Smith)



# Joy to the World

(key of A)

*Intro (last line):* A D A E7 A

A E7 A

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

D E7 A

Let earth receive her King;

A

Let every heart prepare Him room,

A

And Heaven and nature sing,

E E7

And Heaven and nature sing,

A D A / E7 A

And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, 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.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders, of His love.

(Isaac Watts and Lowell Mason)

## Optional ending:

C C# D A D

Joy to the world, all the boys and girls

D D7 G7 Bb

Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea

D A7 D

Joy to you and me.

# Silent Night

(key of G)

*Intro (last line):*

G  
Silent night, holy night  
D G  
All is calm, all is bright  
C G  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child  
C G  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
D D7 Em  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
G D7 G  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar Heavenly hosts sing  
Alleluia!  
Christ, the Saviour is born  
Christ, the Saviour is born

Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, 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 .

(Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber)

# Deck the Halls

(key of C)

*Intro* (last line): F C G7 C

C Am C  
Deck the halls with boughs of holly,

G7 C G7 C

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

C Am C

Tis the season to be jolly,

G7 C G7 C

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

G7 C G

Don we now our gay apparel,

C Am G D7 G

Fa la la, la la la, la la la.

C Am C

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,

F C G7 C

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the blazing Yule before us,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Strike the harp and join the chorus.

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Follow me in merry measure,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

While I tell of Yule tide treasure,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Sing we joyous, all together,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Heedless of the wind and weather,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

(Traditional)

# Mary's Boy Child

(key of G)

*Intro* (last line of chorus): G C Am G D7 G /

G C Am D G  
Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible say,  
G C Am G D7 G  
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ, was born on Christmas Day.

## CHORUS:

G C D G Em A D  
Hark now hear the angels sing, "New King's born today",  
G C Am G D7 G /  
And man will live forever more because of Christmas Day.

G C Am  
While shepherds watch their flocks by night,  
D7 G  
They saw a bright new shining star.  
C Am  
And heard a choir from heaven sing,  
G D7 G  
The music came from afar.

## CHORUS

G C Am D G  
Now Joseph and his wife, Mary, came to Bethlehem that night.  
G C Am  
They found no place to bear the child,  
G D7 G  
Not a single room was in sight.

G C Am D G  
By and by they found a little nook, in a stable all forlorn.  
G C Am G D7 G  
And in a manger cold and dark, Mary's little Boy Child was born.

## CHORUS

### SECOND CHORUS:

G C D7 G Em A D  
Trumpets sound and angels sing, listen to what they say,  
G C Am G D7 G  
That man will live forever more because of Christmas Day.

(Jester Hairston)



# Christmas in Killarney

(key of A)

Intro (last line of verse): D A B7 E7 A

A D A  
The holly green, the ivy green, the prettiest picture you've ever seen  
D A B7 E7 A  
Is Christmas in Killarney, with all of the folks at home  
A D A  
It's nice, you know, to kiss your beau, while cuddling under the mistletoe  
D A B7 E7 A  
And Santa Claus you know, of course, is one of the boys from home

## Chorus:

F#m D F#m  
The door is always open, the neighbours pay a call  
D F#m E F#m B7 E  
And Father John, before he's gone, will bless the house and all

A D A  
How grand it feels to click your heels, and join in the fun of the jigs and reels  
D A E7 A D (Bm)  
I'm handing you no blarney, the likes you've never known  
D A B7 E7 A  
Is Christmas in Killarney, with all of the folks at home.

*Instrumental* (one verse)

**Repeat Chorus and second verse**

**To 'Auntie Mary' (Instrumental)**

(John Redmond, James Cavanaugh and Frank Weldon)

# A Children's Winter

(key of D)

*Intro* (last two lines of verse): D A D A7 D

D A  
The winter snow is a child's delight,  
D G A  
As it brightens up the winter night;  
D A  
And coats the earth in a cheery white,  
D A7 D  
As it softly drifts upon it.

The smiling faces watch the ground,  
As the snow is falling all around;  
And through the glass there comes no sound,  
As the snowflakes melt upon it.

## ***Chorus:***

D D7  
*Snow man, snow house, hey, play with me,*  
G Em A A7  
*Shake the snow down from the tree;*  
D A  
*Games once played by you and me,*  
D A7 D  
*Snow, softly falling.*

*(Instrumental – one verse)*

The morning comes and the children play,  
Their laughter rings out through the day;  
They hope the snow is here to stay,  
And it won't be gone tomorrow.

Sliding, running, down the hill,  
The time for fun is now, but still;  
As they climb up on life's long hill,  
They're sure to meet some sorrow.

## ***Chorus (twice) and tag:***

*Snow, softly falling.*

(Dermot O'Reilly)

# Snow is Dancing

(key of D)

*Intro* (last two lines of verse): DM7 Em A7 D

DM7 Em  
Snow is dancing in the frosty air,  
A7 D  
Floating down and flowing everywhere;  
DM7 Em  
Like a million feathers all around,  
A7 D  
Gently falling to the ground.  
GM7 F#m7  
If you listen closely, you can hear it whisper,  
Em7 D  
As it settles far and wide,  
GM7 F#m7  
Over fields its drifting, as the wind is lifting,  
Em7 A7 D  
Making magic wintertime.

Sleighs are gliding on a field of white,  
Sounds of children singing in the night;  
Sliding o'er the newly fallen snow,  
Up and down the hills they go.

If you listen closely, you can hear their laughter,  
As it echoes far and wide,  
Over fields its drifting, as their spirit's lifting,  
Making magic wintertime.

***Instrumental - two verses***

**Sing first two verses and tag:**

A9 D  
Making magic wintertime.

(Eric West)

# Christmas in the Harbour

(key of D)

**Intro and instrumental break:** Dsus D Bm G A (2 x)

**Chorus:** D  
*Toorah, loorrah, loorah lay,*  
A Bm  
*Christ the King was born today,*  
D Bm  
*Hark! the herald angels say,*  
G A A7  
*It's Christmas in the Harbour!*

Church bells ring out loud and clear,  
People come from far and near,  
Old men drink their Christmas cheer,  
It's Christmas in the Harbour!

Young girls' faces all aglow,  
Smile beneath the mistletoe,  
Yule log embers brightly glow,  
It's Christmas in the Harbour!

## **Chorus**

Children sleep without a sound,  
All nestled in their eiderdowns,  
Snow is falling slowly down,  
It's Christmas in the Harbour!

Trees are laden down with snow,  
As on to Midnight Mass they go,  
Hand in hand across the snow,  
It's Christmas in the Harbour!

## **Chorus**

*(instrumental break)*

Young and old all dance and sing,  
Enjoying all the janneying,  
Peace on earth, good will to men,  
It's Christmas in the Harbour!

## **Chorus (twice)**

(Gary O'Driscoll)



# The Mummers Song

(key of D)

[spoken] *It don't seem like Christmas if the mummers aren't here, Granny would say as she'd knit in her chair; Things have gone modern, I 'spose that's the cause, Christmas is not like it was. [knock, knock, knock] "Any mummers 'lowed in?"*

*Intro: G A7 D*

D G D E7 A  
Hark what's the noise, out by the porch door, Granny 'tis mummers there's twenty or more;  
D G A7 D  
Her old withered face brightens up with a grin, "Any mummers nice mummers 'lowed in?"  
D G D E7 A  
"Come in lovely mummers don't bother the snow, We can wipe up the water sure after you go;  
D G A7 D  
Sit if you can or on some mummer's knee, Let's see if we know who you be."

A D E A7  
There's big ones and tall ones and small ones and thin, Boys dressed as women and girls dressed as men;  
D G A7 D  
Humps on their backs and mitts on their feet, My blessed we'll die with the heat.  
D G D E7 A  
There's only one there I think that I know, That tall feller standing o'er long side the stove;  
D G A7 D  
He's shakin' his fist for to make me not tell, Must be Willy from out on the hill.

D G D E7 A  
Now that one's a stranger if there ever was one, With his underwear stuffed and his trap door undone;  
D G A7 D  
Is he wearing his mother's big forty two bra? I knows but I'm not gonna say.

A D E A7  
Don't 'spose you fine mummers will turn down a drop, No home brew, nor alchie whatever you got;  
D G A7 D  
Now the one with his rubber boots on the wrong feet, He's had enough for to do him a week.  
D G D E7 A  
'Spose you can dance, yes they all nods their heads, They've been tappin' their feet ever since they came in;  
D G A7 D  
Now that the drinks have been all passed around, The mummers are plankin' her down.

## *Instrumental*

D G D E7 A  
Hold on to the lamp and be careful the stove, Don't swing Granny hard for you know that she's old;  
D G A7 D  
No need for to care how you buckles the floor, 'Cause mummers have danced here before.  
A D E A7  
My God, how hot is it, we better go, I 'low we'll all get the devil's own cold;  
D G A7 D  
Good night and good Christmas, mummers me dears, Please God we will see you next year.  
D G A7 D  
Good night and good Christmas, mummers me dears, Please God we will see you next year.

(Bud Davidge)



# Feliz Navidad

(keys of G & A)

*Intro* (last two lines of first verse): G C D G

G C D  
Feliz Navidad  
G Em  
Feliz Navidad  
C  
Feliz Navidad  
D G  
Prospero ano y Felicidad.

Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Feliz Navidad  
Prospero ano y Felicidad.

G C D  
We want to wish you a Merry Christmas  
G Em  
We want to wish you a Merry Christmas  
C  
We want to wish you a Merry Christmas  
D G  
From the bottom of our hearts!

We want to wish you a Merry Christmas  
We want to wish you a Merry Christmas  
We want to wish you a Merry Christmas  
From the bottom of our hearts!

*(Sing 3 times in G, modulating to the key of A the third time)*

(Jose Feliciano)



# In the Bleak Mid-Winter

(Keys of C and D)

C                    Amsus    Am Dm            Am Dm7 G7  
In the bleak mid-win - ter, frosty wind made moan,

C                    Amsus    Am Dm G7 C  
Earth stood hard as iron,            water like a stone;

F                    C7 F            Am C Dm G  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,

C                    Amsus    Am Dm G7 C  
In the bleak mid-win - ter long - ago.

Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain,

Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign;

In the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed

God, the Lord Almighty, Jesus Christ.

*(Modulate to key of D)*

D                    Bmsus    Bm Em            Bm Em7 A7  
Angels and archan - gels may have gathered there,

D                    Bmsus Bm Em A7 D  
Cherubim and sera - phim throng - éd the air,

G                    B7 G Bm D Em A  
But only His mother in her maiden bliss

D                    Bmsus Bm Em G7 D  
Worshipped the belov - éd with - a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise man I would do my part,

Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

(Words: C.G. Rossetti; Music: G. Holst)

# Sleigh Ride

(key of D; guitar capo 2, play in C)

*Intro: Gsus*

Cmaj7 Am7 Dm G C Am Dm G  
Just hear those sleigh bells jingling, ring ting tingling too Come on, it's  
Cmaj7 Am7 Dm G C Am C7 G  
lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you, Outside the  
Cmaj7 Am7 Dm G C Am Dm G  
snow is falling and friends are calling "Yoo-hoo," Come on, it's  
Cmaj7 Am7 Dm G C  
lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you.

F#m7 B7 E Emaj7 E6  
Giddy up, giddy up, giddy up, let's go, Let's look at the show,  
F#m7 B7 E  
We're riding in a wonderland of snow.  
Em7 A7 D F#m D6  
Giddy up, giddy up, giddy up, it's grand, Just holding your hand,  
Dsus4 nc  
We're gliding along with a song in a wintry fairy land.

Cmaj7 Am7 Dm G C Am Dm G  
Our cheeks are nice and rosy and comfy cozy are we We're snuggled  
Cmaj7 Am7 Dm G C Am C7 G  
up together like birds of a feather would be Let's take the  
Cmaj7 Am7 Dm G C Am Dm G  
road before us and sing a chorus or two Come on, it's **[to tag second time]**  
Cmaj7 Am7 Dm G C  
lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you. **[Skip this line last time]**

Cadd9 Em Am Cmaj7  
There's a birthday party at the home of Farmer Gray  
Cmaj7 Am  
It'll be the perfect ending a perfect day  
C#dim Dm7 B C E7 Am  
We'll be singing the songs we love to sing without a single stop,  
E F#m7 B7 E C7  
At the fireplace while we watch the chestnuts pop.  
Dmsus G  
Pop! pop! pop!

Cadd9 Em Am Cmaj7  
There's a happy feeling nothing in the world can buy,  
Cmaj7 Am  
When they pass around the chocolate and the pumpkin pie  
C#dim Dm7 B C/e E7 Am D7 G  
It'll nearly be like a picture print by Currier and Ives  
nc  
These wonderful things are the things we remember all through our lives!

**Repeat first three verses and skip to tag:**

**Tag:** C Am Dm G7  
Lovely weather for a sleigh ride together (3x)  
C  
With you!

(Music by Leroy Anderson; lyrics by Mitchell Parish)

# The Huron Carol

## ('Twas in the Moon of Wintertime)

(key of Dm)

*Intro:* C Bb A Dm

Dm Am Dm  
'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled  
Dm C Dm  
That mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead;  
F C Dm Am sus Am  
Before their light the stars grew dim and wondering hunters heard the hymn,  
Dm Am Dm Am Dm C Bb A Dm  
Jesus your King is born, Jes - us is born, in excelsis gloria.

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found;  
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round;  
But as the hunter braves drew nigh the angel song rang loud and high  
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair  
As was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there;  
The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.  
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou  
The holy Child of earth and heaven is born today for you;  
Come kneel before the radiant boy who brings you beauty, peace and joy.  
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

(written in 1643 by Jean de Brebeuf; English lyrics written  
in 1926 by Jesse Edgar Middleton)

# Ding Dong Merrily on High

(key of F - guitar capo 5, play in C)

C F6 G  
Ding dong! merrily on high,

F Gsus C  
The bells are gaily ringing.

C F6 G  
Ding dong! happily reply,

F Gsus C  
The angels all are singing.

2 x

C/e Dm Am/c G7/b Am G  
*Glo -..... ria*  
F Gsus C  
*Hosanna in ex - celsis.*

Ring out! merry, merry bells,

The angels all are singing;

Ding dong! swing the steeple bells,

Sound joyous news we're bringing.

*Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.*

Hark now! happily we sing,

The angels wish us merry;

Ding dong! dancing as we bring,

Good news from Virgin Mary.

*Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.*

*(16th century French dance tune;*

*Lyrics adapted from J. R. Woodward, 1859-1934)*

# What Child is This?

(key of D minor)

*Intro* (last half-line of first verse): Dm A Dm

Dm F C Am Dm Bb A  
What Child is this who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Dm F C Am Dm A Dm  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

## **Chorus:**

F C Am Dm Bb A  
*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;*

F C Am Dm A Dm  
*Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

## **Chorus**

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come peasant, king to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

## **Last Chorus:**

*Raise, raise a song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

(Traditional)

# Glad Tidings

(key of C)

C Am7 G7 C  
Glad tidings good people, we are here to inform,  
C Am7 G7 C  
This morning in Bethlehem lies a baby just born,  
Dm C F G  
We are told it is Jesus, from on high has come down,  
F C Dm G7 C  
To be born of a virgin, called Mary's own son.

As you lie in your chamber, as you slumber and sleep,  
Just think for a moment of your Saviour so meek,  
With the oxen feeding by Him, He lies sleeping so sweet,  
With Mary His mother sitting close by His feet.

You mothers that know the true love of your child,  
Come sympathize with Mary, this mother so mild;  
For her lot being so lowly, many mothers don't know,  
What Mary endured that night in the stall.

As shepherds were out on the hills far away,  
Came a company of angels from heaven that day,  
Telling them to be ready, bidding them to prepare,  
"Glad tidings, good news, we have brought to all here".

(Lyrics by Harrison J. Bryant; traditional melody)

# Song For A Winter's Night

(key of G)

*Intro:* G (F/g C/g Gadd9 G, F/g C/g Gadd9 G)

G                    D/f#                    Em                    C  
The lamp is burning low upon my table top  
          G            D            G            D  
The snow is softly falling  
          G    D/f#            Em                    C  
The air is still in the silence of my room  
          G            D            G            /  
I hear your voice softly calling  
                  D    C            D  
If I could only have you near  
          Bm            Em    Am    D  
To breathe a sigh or two  
G                    D/f#                    Em                    C  
I would be happy just to hold the hands I love  
G                    D                                    F/g (C/g Gadd9 G, F/g C/g Gadd9 G)  
On this winter's night with you

The smoke is rising in the shadows overhead  
My glass is almost empty  
I read again between the lines upon each page  
The words of love you sent me  
If I could know within my heart, that you were lonely too  
I would be happy just to hold the hands I love  
On this winter night with you

The fire is dying now, my lamp is growing dim  
The shades of night are lifting  
The morning light steals across my windowpane  
Where webs of snow are drifting  
If I could only have you near, to breathe a sigh or two  
I would be happy just to hold the hands I love

G                    D                                    B7    Em  
On this winter's night with you  
C                    D                                    F/g    C/g    Gadd9 G  
To be once again with you.  
          F/g    C/g    Gadd9 G  
          Oo.....  
          F/g    C/g    Gadd9 G  
          Oo, oo, oo,.....  
          F/g    C/g    Gadd9 G  
          Oo, oo, oo,        oo.

(Gordon Lightfoot)

# The Wexford Carol

(key of D)

*Intro (last line of verse):* G D A7sus D

D G D  
Good people all, this Christmas time,  
G D C  
Consider well and bear in mind  
D G D  
What our good God for us has done!  
G D A7sus D  
In sending his beloved son.  
D7 C6 F  
With Mary holy we should pray,  
Dm C  
To God with love this Christmas Day  
D G D  
In Bethlehem upon that morn,  
G D A7sus D  
There was a blessed Messiah born.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep  
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep  
To whom God's angel did appear  
Which put the shepherds in great fear  
Arise and go, the angels said  
To Bethlehem, be not afraid  
For there you'll find, this happy morn  
A princely babe, sweet Jesus, born.

With thankful heart and joyful mind  
The shepherds went the babe to find  
And as God's angel had foretold  
They did our Saviour Christ behold  
Within a manger he was laid  
And by his side a virgin maid  
Attending on the Lord of Life  
Who came on earth to end all strife.

(Traditional)



# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(key of B minor – guitar capo 2, play in A minor)

*Intro (last line of chorus):* G Am F G Em Am

Am Dm G Am  
O come, o come, Em-man - uel

C F G Em Am  
And ransom captive Israel

Dm Am G Em  
That mourns in lonely ex - ile here

G Am Dm G Am  
Until the Son of God appear

## **Refrain:**

G Am Dm G Am  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Em-man - uel*  
G Am F G Em Am  
*Shall come to thee, O Is - ra- el.*

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

## **Refrain**

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who orderest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.

## **Refrain**

O come, desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be thyself our King of Peace.

(Traditional)

# Coventry Carol

## (Lully Lullay)

(key of E minor)

*Intro (last line of verse):* Em B C Am B Em

Em B Em D Em B  
Lullay, Thou little ti - ny Child,

Em B Em Am B Em /  
Bye, bye, lul - ly, lul - lay.

D Em B Em Am<sup>6</sup> Em B  
Lullay, Thou lit - tle ti - ny Child,

Em B C Am B Em /  
Bye, bye, lul - ly, lul - lay.

O sisters, too, how may we do,  
For to preserve this day;  
This poor Youngling for whom we do sing,  
Bye, bye, lully, lullay.

Herod the King, in his raging,  
Chargéd he hath this day;  
His men of might, in his own sight,  
All children young, to slay.

Then woe is me, poor Child, for Thee,  
And ever mourn and say;  
For Thy parting, nor say nor sing,  
Bye, bye, lully, lullay.

Lullay, Thou little tiny Child,  
Bye, bye, lully, lullay.  
Em B C Am B E  
Bye, bye, lul - ly, lul - lay.

(Traditional)

# Silver Bells

(key of G)

*Intro:* C/g GM7 Am7 D7

G /  
City sidewalks, busy sidewalks  
C Am7  
Dressed in holiday style  
D D7 G  
In the air there's a feeling of Christmas  
G /  
Children laughing, people passing  
C Am7  
Meeting smile after smile  
D D7 G  
And on every street corner you'll hear

## **Chorus:**

G C  
Silver bells, silver bells  
D D7 G /  
It's Christmas time in the city  
G C  
Ring-a-ling, hear them ring  
D D7 G C/g Am7 D7  
Soon it will be Christmas day

G /  
Strings of street lights, even stop lights  
C Am7  
Blink a bright red and green  
D D7 G  
As the shoppers run home with their treasures  
G /  
Hear the snow crunch, see the kids bunch  
C Am7  
This is Santa's big scene  
D D7 G  
And above all the bustle you'll hear...

## **Chorus**

(Ray Evans and Jay Livingston)

# O Holy Night

(key of G)

G C G  
O holy night! The stars are brightly shining  
G D7 G  
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth  
G C G G7  
Long lay the world in sin and error pin - ing  
Bm F#7 Bm  
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth  
D G  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
D G  
For yonder breaks, a new and glorious morn  
Em Bm Am Em  
Fall on your knees, oh hear the angel voices

G D7 Em C G D7 G  
O night divine, oh night when Christ was born  
D D7 G/b Am/c G/d D7 G  
O night, divine, oh holy night, oh night, oh night divine

Truly He taught us to love one another,  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother.  
And in his name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
With all our hearts we praise His holy name.  
Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever praise we,  
His power and glory ever more proclaim!  
His power and glory ever more proclaim!

(John Sullivan Dwight and Adolphe Charles Adam)

## To Drive the Cold Winter Away

(key of G minor – guitar capo 3, play in E minor)

*Intro (last one of verse) :* Em D Em

Em G  
All hail to the days that merit more praise  
Am B  
Than all the rest of the year  
Em G  
And welcome the nights that double delights  
Am B  
As well for the poor as the peer  
G Am  
Sweet blessings attend each merry man's friend  
Em D G  
Each does but the best that he may  
D G Am  
Forgetting old wrongs with carols and songs  
Em D Em  
To drive the cold winter away.

When Christmas tide comes in like a bride  
And holly and ivy clad  
Twelve days in the year much mirth and good cheer  
In every household is had  
The country guise is then to devise  
All manner of holiday play  
Both women and men do best that they can  
To drive the cold winter away.

This time of the year is spent in good cheer  
With neighbours who gather to meet  
Just sit by the fire with friendly desire  
With others in love to greet  
All grudges forgot are put in the pot  
All sorrows aside they lay  
The old and the young do carol this song  
To drive the cold winter away  
To drive the cold winter away.

(Traditional)

# Jingle Bell Rock

(key of A – guitar capo 2, play in G)

*Intro:* C Cm6 A7 D7 G D7

G

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock

G#dim Am7 D7

Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring

Am7 D7 Am7 D Am7

Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun

D7+5

Now the jingle hop has begun.

G

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock

G#dim Am7 D7

Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time

Am7 D7 Am7 D7 A7

Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square

D7 G

In the frosty air.

C

C#dim

What a bright time, it's the right time

G/d G

To rock the night away

Em7 A7 Em7 A7 D7

Jingle bell time is a swell time

Am7 D7

To go gliding in a one-horse sleigh

G

Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet

Dm6 E7+5 E7

Jingle around the clock

C Cm6 A7

Mix and a-mingle in the jingling feet

D7 G D7

That's the jingle bell rock. [skip this line second time]

**Repeat from top, skipping last line**

D7 A7

That's the jingle bell,

D7 A7

That's the jingle bell,

D7 G

that's the jingle bell rock.

(Joe Beale and Jim Booth)

# Here We Come a-Wassailing

(key of C)

*Intro (last line of chorus) :* C A Dm G7 C

C C/b Am7 C/g  
Here we come a-wassailing / Among the leaves so green,  
F C/e G/d G Dm/f G7  
Here we come a-wand'ring / So fair to be seen.

## Chorus:

C F C G7 C F C  
*Love and joy come to you, And to you your wassail, too,*  
G7 C A Dm G C G7/d  
*And God bless you, and send you a Happy New Year,*  
C A Dm G7 C  
*And God send you a Happy New Year.*

We are not daily beggars  
That beg from door to door,  
But we are neighbours' children  
Whom you have seen before

## Chorus

Good master and good mistress,  
As you sit beside the fire,  
Pray think of us poor children  
Who wander in the mire.

## Chorus

Bring us out a table  
And spread it with a cloth;  
Bring us out a mouldy cheese,  
And of your Christmas loaf.

## Chorus

God bless the master of this house,  
Likewise the mistress too;  
And all the little children  
That round the table go.

## Chorus

(Traditional)

# Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming

(key of C)

*Intro:* C F C G A Dm C/e Dm/f G Am F G7 C

C/e F C G Am F C G Am F G C  
Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from tender stem hath sprung!  
C F C G Am F C G/b Am F G C  
Of Jesse's line-age com-ing, as men of old have sung.  
Bm C D G C F C G A  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of win-ter,  
Dm C/e Dm/f G Am F G7 C  
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Saviour,  
When half spent was the night.

The shepherds heard the story proclaimed by angels bright,  
How Christ, the Lord of glory was born on earth this night.  
To Bethlehem they sped and in the manger found Him,  
As angel heralds said.

(Michael Praetorius)



# River

(key of C)

It's coming on Christmas  
They're cutting down trees  
They're putting up reindeer  
And singing songs of joy and peace  
Oh I wish I had a river I could skate away on

But it don't snow here  
It stays pretty green  
I'm going to make a lot of money  
Then I'm going to quit this crazy scene  
Oh I wish I had a river I could skate away on

I wish I had a river so long  
I would teach my feet to fly  
I wish I had a river I could skate away on  
I made my baby cry

He tried hard to help me  
You know, he put me at ease  
And he loved me so naughty  
Made me weak in the knees  
Oh, I wish I had a river I could skate away on

I'm so hard to handle  
I'm selfish and I'm sad  
Now I've gone and lost the best baby  
That I ever had  
I wish I had a river I could skate away on

Oh, I wish I had a river so long  
I would teach my feet to fly  
I wish I had a river  
I could skate away on  
I made my baby say goodbye

It's coming on Christmas  
They're cutting down trees  
They're putting up reindeer  
And singing songs of joy and peace  
I wish I had a river I could skate away on.

(Joni Mitchell)

# Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

(key of D)

*Intro:* D      A7      D

D                      Em      A  
Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella  
D                      A7      D  
Bring a torch, come swiftly and run.  
D                      Bm      A  
Christ is born, tell the folk of the village,  
G      D      Em      A  
Jesus is sleeping in His cradle,  
Bm A D      A D  
Ah, ah, beautiful is the Mother,  
Bm A D      A7      D  
Ah, ah, beautiful is her Son.

Hasten now, good folk of the village,  
Hasten now, the Christ Child to see.  
You will find Him asleep in a manger,  
Quietly come and whisper softly,  
Hush, hush, peacefully now He slumbers,  
Hush, hush, peacefully now He sleeps.

Un flambeau, Jeannette, Isabelle,  
Un flambeau, courons au berceau!  
C'est Jésus, bonnes gens du hameau,  
Le Christ est né, Marie appelle,  
Ah! ah! ah! que la mere est belle,  
Ah! ah! ah! que l'Enfant est beau!

Doucement, dans l'étable close,  
Doucement, venez un moment!  
Approchez! que Jésus est charmant!  
Comme Il est blanc, comme  
Il est rose! Do! do! do! que l'Enfant repose!  
Do! do! do! qu'Il rit en dormant!

(Anonymous Renaissance carol translated from French to English by E. Cuthbert Nunn)