



APPALACHIAN YULETIDE

Appalachian Folk Tune arr. Dan Forrest

Nathan Clements, piano

"When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall with wise men and farmers and shepherd and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it did then recall." I Wonder as I Wander | John Jacob Niles

People, Look East! The time is near!

WELCOME

FESTIVE DANCE ON BESANÇON

Traditional French Carol arr. Pamela M. Robertson

Nathan Clements, piano

"People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way."

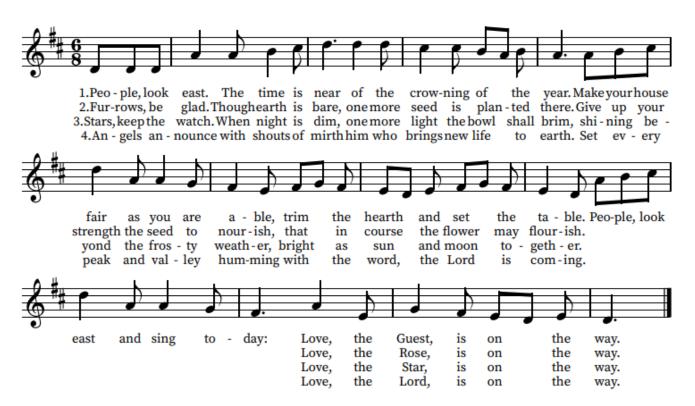
People, Look East | Eleanor Farjeon

Of the crowning of the year!

PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

BESANÇON

Traditional French Carol



OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 12th Century Plainsong arr. Penny Rodriguez

Nathan Clements, piano

"O that birth forever blessed, when a virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race; and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed His sacred face, evermore and evermore!"

Of the Father's Love Begotten | Aurelius Clemens Prudentius

Make your house fair as you are able!

COME, EMMANUEL

O WALY WALY/VENI EMMANUEL Traditional French Plainsong arr. Mary McDonald

The Festivale Trio

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

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

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! Shall come to thee, Israel! O Come, Desire of nations, bind All people in one heart and mind. Bid envy, strife, and sorrow cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! Shall come to thee, Israel! Shall come to thee, O Israel! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! Shall come to thee, Israel! Shall come to thee, O Israel!

ES IST EIN ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Op. 122

Nathan Clements, organ

"Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!

Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright,

Amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night."

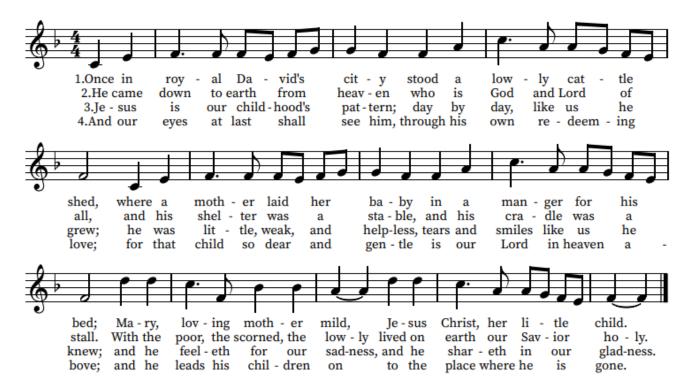
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming | Theodore Baker

Trim the hearth and set the table!

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

IRBY

Henry J. Gauntlett



BRING A TORCH JEANETTE, ISABELLA 16th Century French Carol arr. Joel Raney

Nathan Clements, piano

"Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella! Bring a torch, to the cradle run!

It is Jesus, good folk of the village; Christ is born and Mary's calling.

Ah! ah! beautiful is the Mother! Ah! ah! beautiful is her Son!"

Bring a Torch Jeanette, Isabella | E. Cuthbert Nunn

People, look east and sing today!

NOEL PEACE CANNON

DONA NOBIS PACEM/THE FIRST NOEL Traditional English Carol arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

The Festivale Trio

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Bring us peace this Christmastime. Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Bring us peace this Christmastime.

The first Noel the angel 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, Noel, Noel. Born is the King who will bring us; Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Bring us peace this Christmastime. Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Bring us peace this Christmastime. Dona nobis pacem, pacem.

HE IS BORN, THE HOLY CHILD

IL EST NÉ 18th Century French Carol

arr. David Lantz III

Nathan Clements, piano

"He is born, the holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!

He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.

Thru long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming;

thru long ages of the past, now the time has come at last!"

He is Born, the Holy Child | Translation Anonymous

Love, the Guest, is on the way!

THE BIRTHDAY OF A KING

William H. Neidlinger arr. Stephen DeCesare

Nathan Clements, piano | Abril Ruiz-Lopez, violin

"In the little village of Bethlehem there lay a child one day;

And the sky was bright with a holy light; O'er the place where Jesus lay

Alleluia! O how the angels sang! Alleluia! How it rang!

And the sky was bright with a holy light! Twas the birthday of a king!"

The Birthday Of A King | William H. Neidlinger

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN FROM THE MESSIAH

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) arr. Jeff Bennett

Nathan Clements, piano

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

For Unto Us a Child Is Born | Isaiah 9:6

Love, the Star, is on the way!

ALL IS QUIET

A.H. Rosewig (1846-1929) arr. Josh Sparkman

The Festivale Trio

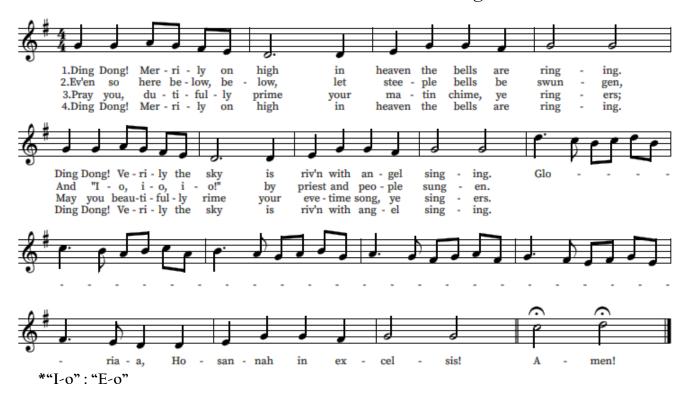
All is quiet, all is still, Sleep, my child, and fear no ill, Win'try winds blow chill and drear, Lullaby, my baby dear, Wintry winds blow chill and drear, Lullaby, my baby dear.

Let your little eyelids close, softly as the falling snow. While today drifts from your sight, all is calm this winter night All is calm this winter night, while today drifts from your sight. When tomorrow has begun, and the snow yields to the sun, My love will still be here. Rest, my child, my baby dear, my baby dear.

All is quiet, all is still, Sleep, my child, and fear no ill, Wintry winds blow chill and drear, Lullaby, my baby dear, Wintry winds blow chill and drear, Lullaby, Lullaby, my baby dear.

TDING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH

BRANLE DE L'OFFICIAL George Ratcliffe Woodward



Love, the Lord, is on the way!

SILENT NIGHT

STILLE NACHT Franz Grüber arr. Dan Forrest

Nathan Clements, piano

"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, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent Night | John F. Young & Anonymous

CLOSING REMARKS

FESTIVAL ON GLORIA

GLORIA

Traditional French Carol arr. Nathan Clements

Nathan Clements, organ | Frank Casstevens, piano | Abril Ruiz-Lopez, violin

"Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!" Angels We Have Heard on High | Traditional French Carol

You are invited to join us for Refreshments in the Hospitality Room directly following the concert.



Tonight's Musicians

The Festivale Trio

Vocalists
Greg Bass | David Paschal | David Clements

Accompanist

Nathan Clements

Directors

Nathan Clements | Frank Casstevens

Instrumentalists

Pianists

Nathan Clements | Frank Casstevens

Organist

Nathan Clements

Violinist

Abril Ruiz-Lopez



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Upcoming Concerts



lve lvish You a Beautiful Advent and Christmas Season!

