

# *Hollymead Caroling*



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**We Wish You a Merry Christmas**

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.

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**Jingle Bells**

Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way;  
Bells on bob-tail ring, making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight  
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way!  
O what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh  
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way!  
O what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!

3

**Deck the Halls**

Deck the halls with boughs of holly  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
'Tis the season to be jolly  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la  
Don we now our gay apparel  
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la.  
Troll the ancient Yule-tide carol  
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

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**Feliz Navidad**

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**Holly Jolly Christmas**

Have a holly, jolly Christmas;  
It's the best time of the year  
I don't know if there'll be snow,  
but have a cup of cheer.  
Have a holly, jolly Christmas;  
And when you walk down the street  
Say Hello to friends you know  
and everyone you meet.

Oh, ho, the mistletoe  
hung where you can see;  
Somebody waits for you;  
Kiss her once for me.  
Have a holly jolly Christmas,  
and in case you didn't hear,  
Oh by golly, have a holly,  
jolly Christmas this year.

**Let It Snow**

Oh, the weather outside is frightful,  
 But the fire is so delightful,  
 And since we've no place to go,  
 Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

It doesn't show signs of stopping,  
 And I brought some corn for popping;  
 The lights are turned way down low,  
 Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

When we finally say good night,  
 How I'll hate going out in the storm;  
 But if you really hold me tight,  
 All the way home I'll be warm.

The fire is slowly dying,  
 And, my dear, we're still good-bye-ing,  
 But as long as you love me so.  
 Let it snow. Let it snow. Let it snow.

**Little Drummer Boy**

Come they told me, Pa rum pum pum pum  
 A newborn King to see, Pa rum pum pum pum  
 Our finest gifts we bring, Pa rum pum pum pum  
 To lay before the King, Pa rum pum pum pum  
 Rum pum pum pum, Rum pum pum pum  
 So, to honor Him, Pa rum pum pum pum,  
 When we come.

Little Baby, Pa rum pum pum pum  
 I am a poor boy too, Pa rum pum pum pum  
 I have no gift to bring, Pa rum pum pum pum  
 That's fit to give our King, Pa rum pum pum pum  
 Rum pum pum pum, Rum pum pum pum  
 Shall I play for you! Pa rum pum pum  
 On my drum.

Mary nodded, Pa rum pum pum pum  
 The ox and lamb kept time, Pa rum pum pum pum  
 I played my drum for Him, Pa rum pum pum  
 I played my best for Him, Pa rum pum pum pum  
 Rum pum pum pum, Rum pum pum pum  
 Then He smiled at me, Pa rum pum pum pum  
 Me and my drum...

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**Frosty The Snowman**

Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul,  
With a corncob pipe and a button nose  
And two eyes made out of coal.  
Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale, they say,  
He was made of snow but the children know  
how he came to life one day.  
There must have been some *magic* in that  
Old silk hat they found, for when they placed it on his head, he began to dance around.  
O, Frosty the snowman was alive as he could be,  
And the children say he could laugh  
and play just the same as you and me.  
Thumpetty thump thump, Thumpetty thump thump  
Look at Frosty go-oh.  
Thumpetty thump thump, Thumpetty thump thump,  
Over the hills of snow.  
Frosty the snowman knew the sun was hot that day  
So he said, "Let's ***RUN!*** and  
we'll have some fun now before I melt away."

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**White Christmas**

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
Just like the ones I used to know  
Where the treetops glisten  
And children listen  
To hear sleigh bells in the snow.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
With every Christmas card I write  
May your days be merry and bright  
And may all your Christmases be white.

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**Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer**

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer  
 had a very shiny nose.  
 And if you ever saw him,  
 you would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer  
 used to laugh and call him names.  
 They never let poor Rudolph  
 play in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas eve  
 Santa came to say:  
 "Rudolph with your nose so bright,  
 won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then all the reindeer loved him  
 as they shouted out with glee:  
 "Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,  
 you'll go down in history!"

**Hanukah, Oh Hanukah**

Oh Hanukkah, oh Hanukkah, come light the menorah  
 Let's have a party, we'll all dance the horah  
 Gather 'round the table, we'll give you a treat  
 Dreidels to play with and latkes to eat.  
*(slowly)*: And while we are playing the candles are burning low  
 One for each night, they shed a sweet  
 Light to remind us of days long ago  
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**12**  
**Silent Night**

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-ja.  
Christ the Savior is born.  
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night.  
Wondrous star, lend thy light.  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King.  
Christ the Savior is here,  
Jesus the Savior is here.

**13**  
**Silver Bells**

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks  
Dressed in holiday style,  
In the air there's the feeling of Christmas.  
People passing, children laughing,  
Meeting smile after smile,  
And on every street corner you'll hear  
Silver bells, silver bells  
It's Christmas time in the city  
Ring-a-ling, hear them sing.  
Soon it will be Christmas Day.

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Sleigh Ride

Just hear those sleigh bells jingle-ing  
Ring ting tingle-ing too  
Come on, it's lovely weather  
For a sleigh ride together with you

Outside the snow is falling  
And friends are calling "Yoo Hoo"  
Come on, it's lovely weather  
For a sleigh ride together with you

Giddy-yap giddy-yap giddy-yap  
let's go  
Let's look at the show  
We're riding in a wonderland of snow

Giddy-yap giddy-yap giddy-yap it's grand  
Just holding your hand  
We're gliding along with the song  
Of a wintry fairy land

Our cheeks are nice and rosy  
And comfy cozy are we  
We're snuggled up together like two  
Birds of a feather would be

Let's take the road before us  
And sing a chorus or two  
Come on, it's lovely weather  
For a sleigh ride together with you

There's a birthday party at the home of Farmer Gray  
It'll be the perfect ending of a perfect day  
We'll be singing the songs we love to sing without a single stop  
At the fireplace while we watch the chestnuts pop  
Pop! Pop! Pop!

There's a happy feeling nothing in the world can buy  
When they pass around the coffee and the pumpkin pie  
It'll nearly be like a picture print by Currier and Ives  
These wonderful things are the things  
We remember all through our lives

*(slowly): These wonderful things are the things  
We remember all through our lives*



## giddyup said santa claus (by Dave Carter & Tracy Grammer)

i was drivin through the timber 'round about December, took a wrong turn somewhere  
 straight up north in a bent-frame Ford, it was lookin mighty snowy out there  
 i saw a jolly old coot in a bright red suit, he was hitchin up a gaggle of deer  
 yellin "pull that sled boys, the kids are in bed and we're leavin kinda late this year"

### CHORUS

giddyup said Santa Claus, Dasher get your mittens  
 'cause it's gettin mighty cold outside  
 Christmas is a-comin, better get a-runnin  
 son, we got a long, long ride  
 we gotta roll these toys from Tampa to Boise  
 visit every kid in L.A.  
 London to Atlanta, hurry said Santa,  
 Christmas is a dream away

well i called to the stranger, buddy i'm in danger, loster than a bug in the grass  
 polar bears growlin, shaggy wolves howlin and i'm gettin awful low on gas  
 he said dontchya be naggin me, hitch up your wagon, we can tow you where you're needin to go  
 and off we went at a hundred and ten, over the boulders and snow

now i was feelin right cheerful when man i got an earful of the merriest music around  
 he was dancin and a-singin to the sleigh bells ringin but Lord i shoulda never looked down  
 when i rolled down the winder and peered across my fender we were forty miles up in the air  
 cuttin pirouettes around rockets and jets, headin out for who-knows-where

### CHORUS: giddyup said Santa Claus ...

oh please, mr jolly, take me back to Raleigh, terra firma's where i belong  
 he just kept on drivin, janglin and jivin, singin all his yuletide songs  
 yeah it was cold and windy but he never missed a chimney  
 he stopped at ever little one's den  
 every bundle and bow in a fine bright row and he was back in the saddle again

well i kinda got to diggin all the zaggin and the ziggin and the flyin and the presents and fun  
 and by dawn next day, i was up in the sleigh and we were talkin about Christmas to come  
 now time keeps a- turnin and I'm still learnin but brother, dontchya know i'm still here  
 Santa's on his night run, i'm ridin shotgun, looks like another good year

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## All Across the USA

London to Atlanta, hurry said Santa, Christmas is a dream away

London to Atlanta, “hurry” said Santa, Christmas is a dream away...

*Thanks for coming out to sing with us!*

- It’s thrilling to raise our voices together, be in the moment, sing the words, and consider their meaning. Some songs bounce along at a faster pace while others take their time.
- “Troll the ancient Yuletide Carol” from the song, Deck the Halls: Troll here means to sing merrily and with vigor.
- Feliz Navidad - Próspero año y felicidad translates from Spanish as “Merry Christmas, a prosperous New Year, and happiness”
- In our home, when we feel something may not be good enough, we say, sadly, “Pa rum pum pum pum” which is from the song, The Little Drummer Boy, who thought he had no gift to give.
- The song, Hanukah Oh Hanukah, begins exuberantly but has moments of tenderness as it refers to the central miracle of the Jewish Festival of Lights. During the recovery of Jerusalem and rededication of the Second Temple in the 2nd century BCE, a small bottle of oil kept candles burning for eight nights. A menorah is a candelabrum with nine branches. A candle on the main branch is used to light the other eight.
  - A Dreidel is 4-sided top with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet on each side.
  - Latkes are a potato pancake or fritter traditionally prepared to celebrate Hanukkah and can also be made with cheese, onion, and zucchini. My wife, Neli, makes them with grated apple.
- Currier and Ives from the song, Sleigh Ride, were a New York City printmaking business that operated between 1835 and 1907. An example shown below evokes a bygone, if not necessarily simpler time. “These wonderful things are the things we remember all through our lives.”

