

A Caroling We Go
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For Children's Choir and Symphony Orchestra
Performance Notes

A Caroling We Go is a fun medley of caroling songs of the holiday season for children's choir set in a sparkling and picturesque orchestral arrangement. The songs contained are. "*Here We Come A Wassailing, Over The River And Through The Woods, Bring A Torch Jeanette Isabella, Pat A Pan, Jolly Old St. Nicholas*, and a reprise of *Here We Come A Wassailing* with a special holiday message for the audience. Included on the next pages are the lyrics that can be freely duplicated for your audience should you wish to invite them to sing along.

Happy Holidays!

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Here We Come A Wassailing

Verse 1

Here we come a wassailing among the leaves so green.
Here we come a wand'ring, So fair to be seen.
Love and joy come to you, and to you your wassail too.
And God bless you and send you a happy new year,
And God send you a happy new year.

Verse 2

God bless the master of this house, Likewise the mistress too;
And all the little children that 'round the table go.
Love and joy come to you, and to you your wassail too.
And God bless you and send you a happy new year,
And God send you a happy new year.

Over The River And Through The Woods

Verse 1

Over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house we go.
The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh through the white and drifted snow.
Over the river and through the woods oh how the wind does blow.
It stings the toes and bites the nose as over the ground we go!

Verse 2

Over the river and through the woods to have a full day of play.
Oh, hear the bells ringing ting-a-ling ling, Hurrah for Christmas Day.
Over the river and through the woods trot fast my dapple gray;
Spring over the ground like a hunting hound for this is Christmas Day!

Bring A Torch Jeanette, Isabella

Verse 1

Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella.
Bring a torch to the cradle and 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 the Child.

Verse 2

Softly now come into the stable.
Softly now for a moment to stay.
You will find Him a-sleep in the manger;
Quietly come and whisper softly,
Hush! Hush! Peacefully now he slumbers.
Hush! Hush! Peacefully now he sleeps.

Pat A Pan

Verse 1

Willie, take your little drum, Robin bring your fife and come,
And be merry while you play, Tu-re-lu-re-lu, Pat-a-pat-a-pan,
Come be merry while you play, on this joyous Christ-mas Day.

Verse 2

God and man this day become joined as one with flute and drum.
Let the happy tune play on, Tu-re-lu-re-lu, Pat-a-pat-a-pan,
Fife and drum together play, as we sing on Christ-mas Day.

Jolly Old Saint Nicholas

Verse 1

Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, lean your ear this way.
Don't you tell a single soul what I'm going to say;
Christmas Eve is coming soon; Now you dear old man,
Whisper what you'll bring to me; Tell me if you can.

Verse 2

When the clock is striking twelve, When I'm fast asleep,
Down the chimney broad and black, with your pack you'll creep;
All the stockings you will find hanging in a row;
Mine will be the shortest one. You'll be sure to know.

Verse 3

When the clock is striking twelve, and I'm fast asleep,
Down the chimney broad and black, with your pack you'll creep;
All the stockings you will find hanging in a row;
Mine will be the shortest one. You'll be sure to know.

Wassail Song - Finale

God bless this special time of year, We love to sing for you;
For all our friends and fam'ly And all our neighbors too.
Love and joy come to you and a Merry Christmas too.
And God bless you and send you a happy new year.....
May God send you a Happy New Year!