



THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

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Christmas - it really is the most wonderful time of the year! But have we grasped the full extent of the wonder?
I pray these songs might encourage you to...

“ ...LIFT UP YOUR EYES
AND SEE THE KING.
SEE THE WONDER
THAT HE BRINGS
THIS CHRISTMAS! ”

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In memory of Ben Shaw
delighting now each day in the full glory of Christmas

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1. HAD YOU BEEN THERE

VERSE 1

Had you been there, would you know,
There in Bethlehem did it show?
God Himself lay sleeping on the hay!
In that stable, could you tell
God was with us, Emmanuel!
Was the wonder plain that Christmas day?

CHORUS

Let the church bells ring!
Let the choir sing! It's Christmas!
God came down among us Christmas morn.
Greet the newborn King!
Tell the news that God is with us;
Let them know that Christ is born!

VERSE 2

Had the angels never sung,
Had the morning star never shone,
Would you notice Mary's child appear?
Just a baby, helpless, weak,
Not the conquering God we seek;
Would you know the Promised One was here?

VERSE 3

Would you know that baby's cry
Voiced the order that lit the sky?
Would you know it once cried "*Let there be*"?
Would you guess that tiny hand
Once held galaxies in its span?
Would you walk on by or bow the knee?

VERSE 4

Mary's baby still today
Asks the question: what do we say?
Is there more beyond the manger scene?
Do we leave Him in the straw -
Good for Christmas but nothing more -
Or do we enthrone Him Lord and King?

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2. OUR LIGHT HAS COME

VERSE 1

Our light has come, the wait is over, a new day has begun;
Our light has come! Our light has come!
All fear is gone, all doubt is ended, the night makes way for dawn;
Our light has come! Our light has come!

CHORUS

Noël! Noël! Radiance of the Father in Emmanuel.
Noël! Noël! God Emmanuel, the light has come!

VERSE 2

The promised gift has been delivered, the mystery revealed;
Our light has come! Our light has come!
A child is born, a Son is given; the prophecy fulfilled;
Our light has come! Our light has come!

VERSE 3

The light will shine in every corner and not be overcome;
Our light has come! Our light has come!
That all might see the Father's glory revealed in Christ the Son;
Our light has come! Our light has come!

3. EMMANUEL MEANS...

VERSE 1

Emmanuel means God has come,
God is with us, He came down at Christmas.
Emmanuel means God is here,
Born among us, ever near at Christmas.

PRE-CHORUS 1

And if the God who made us came
We need never fear again;
We are not alone, we're not forgotten.
And if the God of heaven knew
Tears and smiles like we know too,
We can know He shares our joy and sorrow.
Emmanuel means God is here!

CHORUS

So lift up your eyes and see the King!
See the wonder that He brings
This Christmas.
Lift up your heart and lift your voice;
God is with us now, rejoice
This Christmas!
Emmanuel means God is here!
Emmanuel means God with us!

VERSE 2

Emmanuel means God has come,
Heaven's King has made His home among us.
Emmanuel shows we are loved,
We are wanted, treasured sons and daughters.

PRE-CHORUS 2

For if the God of heaven chose
Life with us, then Christmas shows
We are valued more than we imagine.
And if He gave up everything
Just to be with us, it means
We are loved beyond what we can fathom.
Emmanuel means God is here!



4. WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH CHRISTMAS?

VERSE 1

We've got chestnuts on the fire,
Got our gifts around the tree;
Hear the sleigh bells on the radio,
Come watch *'Strictly'* on TV.
We'll have grandma round for dinner,
Have the cousins round for tea,
But what's that got to do with Christmas?

VERSE 2

Got our turkey on the table,
But now grandma's gone to sleep,
So there's mother in the kitchen
Getting stressed and fit to weep.
Got our sixpence for the pudding,
Got our ginger bread for tea,
But what's that got to do with Christmas?

CHORUS 1

So does it snow in Bethlehem?
Do reindeer really fly?
Was Santa Claus in business then?
It makes you wanna cry!
What's that got to do with Christmas?

VERSE 3

At the concert hall, Tchaikovsky
At the panto, *'Puss in Boots'*
On the streets the sound of carols
All around the neighbourhood,
Like *"O Come Let Us Adore Him!"*
But have they understood
What that's got to do with Christmas?

CHORUS 2

Does holly grow in Bethlehem?
Does tinsel grow on trees?
Did Mary put a stocking by the manger? Please!
What's that got to do with Christmas?

CHORUS 3

If wise men once sought Jesus
Shouldn't wise men seek Him still?
Or was His birth in Bethlehem just seasonal goodwill?
What's that got to do,
What's that got to do,
What's that got to do with Christmas?

5. IF GOD HAD NOT FIRST LOVED US

VERSE 1

If God had not first loved us
Enough to leave His throne,
To lay aside His glory and crown,
There would have been no baby
Asleep upon the hay,
No manger scene in no cattle stall.
If God had not first chosen to love us
There would have been no Christmas at all!

VERSE 2

No oxen would be lowing,
No baby would awake,
No silent stars above would go by.
The world in solemn stillness
Would hear no angels sing;
No tidings of great joy in the night.
If God had not first chosen to love us
There would have been no Christmas at all!

CHORUS

But as it is God came to us in Mary's little boy,
His royal throne a manger full of hay;
And angels sang, and shepherds ran
To worship and adore,
For Christ was born on Christmas day!

VERSE 3

If God had not first wanted
To take us for His own,
There would have been no bright Christmas star.
No need to guide those wise men
To where no baby lay,
No need to bear him gifts from afar.
If God had not first chosen to love us
There would have been no Christmas at all!

VERSE 4

If God had not first chosen
To give His only Son
To pay a debt we never could pay,
Our sin would grip as iron,
Our guilt would weigh like stone,
And ever in midwinter we'd stay.
If God had not first chosen to save us
There never would have been Christmas day

CHORUS 2

O come and sing, O run to Him!
To worship and adore,
For Christ was born on Christmas day,
Yes Christ was born on Christmas day!

6. ONE NIGHT (IN A BACKSTREET TOWN)

VERSE 1

It started off like any other backstreet night:
An uneventful evening, children tucked up tight.
Nothing to stay up for, nothing going down,
Nothing worth reporting in a backstreet town.
Everybody hits the pillow, everybody sleeps,
Just waiting for tomorrow when they'll rinse, repeat.

VERSE 2

The shepherds on the night shift try to count their sheep;
The hazard's occupational - they fall asleep!
Dreaming of a Saviour, longing for the One,
Dreaming of a rescue out of backstreet town;
Dreaming they see angels
In the skies above their flocks;
Then finding out they're real - and it all takes off!

CHORUS

Just one night in a backstreet town
Shakes eternity, spins it round;
One night when the love of God came down!
Just one night and a baby boy
Breaks through darkness with glorious joy;
One night, when Emmanuel was born!

VERSE 3

It started off like every other Eastern night:
Astronomers were loving how the stars shone bright;
Tracking all the planets, charting all the stars,
Gazing through their telescopes until by chance
Way out to the West they get the mother of all shocks -
"Check out that supernova!" - And it all takes off!

VERSE 4

It ended like no other night had ever done:
The king born in a backstreet of a backstreet town;
Born to be our Saviour, born to take our sin,
Born to die that we might be reborn in Him.
One night in a backstreet pivots history, because
God came down at Christmas -
That's why Christmas rocks!



7. THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

VERSE 1

Away in a manger,
No trace yet of danger
A baby sleeps.
The cattle are lowing
But chill winds are blowing,
His mother weeps.
The stars in the bright sky,
The shepherds, the Magi,
All paint that picture we know.
But that's not the story,
Not half of the glory
Of Christmas.

CHORUS 1

Emmanuel! God gave Himself
From palace to stable,
From high throne to cradle
In Jesus, Emmanuel!

VERSE 2

The silence is broken,
The shepherds are woken
The angels sing:
*"Come find your Redeemer,
This babe in a manger
Salvation brings.
All glory in Heaven,
To earth peace is given,
On you God's favour has come"*
They're singing the story,
Unfolding the glory
Of Christmas.

CHORUS 2

Emmanuel, the name that spells
The glory of Christmas:
Our God came for sinners
In Jesus, Emmanuel!

VERSE 3

No way in a manger
For Him to be Saviour
And pay for sin.
The cross will deliver
The guiltiest sinner
Who trusts in Him.
So on Mary's baby,
On then to Calvary,
On to that cross on a hill!
Completing the story,
Fulfilling the glory
Of Christmas!

8. COME AND SEE

VERSE 1

Come and see, the jarring scene at His nativity:
The timeless God enters our history
Just a baby in the straw!
Oh can it be, the King of kings would shun His majesty
And choose a cowshed for a home,
A manger for a throne?

PRE-CHORUS 1

Yet angels saw the wonder, and they sang His glory,
Shepherds heard and understood the story,
Wise men came and knew His fame
At Christmas.

VERSE 2

Come and see a filthy stable housing royalty,
Unbounded wealth swaddled in poverty,
Just the godhead in the straw!
Oh can it be that heaven's King would waive the pageantry?
That Sovereign God would trade it all
For a cattle stall?

PRE-CHORUS 2

Yet gold could never add a thing to Jesus' greatness.
Straw and hay could never dull His radiance.
Our God has come! His light will shine
At Christmas!

CHORUS

Gloria!
Angels saw the wonder, so do I!
Shepherds heard the news and now we tell
The story of our God Emmanuel!
Gloria!
Wise men paid their homage, so do we,
Offering our hearts that we might see
His light in us this Christmas.

VERSE 3

Come and see a loving mother thinking *"Can it be?
The child I bore now bears my destiny?
Is this my Saviour in the straw?"*
So how to tell? This helpless babe is God Emmanuel,
So insignificant and small,
Could it be at all?



9. IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

VERSE 1

In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone.
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter long ago.

VERSE 2

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him,
Nor can earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

VERSE 3

Enough for Him whom cherubim,
Worship night and day,
A breast full of milk
And a manger full of hay.
Enough for Him whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

VERSE 4

Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But His mother, only,
In her maiden bliss
Worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.

VERSE 5

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!

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IN JESUS EMMANUEL

