

## THAME CONCERT BAND CAROL SHEET

### O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels  
*O come let us adore Him,*  
*O come let us adore Him,*  
*O come let us adore Him,*  
*Christ the Lord.*

God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo! He abhors not the virgin's womb;  
Very God, begotten, not created:  
*O come let us adore Him .....*

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of Heaven above  
'Glory to God, In the Highest'  
*O come let us adore Him .....*

### Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Hark, the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the new born king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
*Hark! the herald angels sing,*  
*Glory to the new born King.*

Christ by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus our Immanuel.  
*Hark! the herald angels sing, .....*

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace,  
Hail the Son of righteousness,  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give us second birth.  
*Hark! the herald angels sing, , .....*

### Away in a Manger

Away in a Manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head,  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little lord Jesus, no crying he makes,  
I love thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

### Once in Royal David's City

Once, in Royal David's city,  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby,  
In a manger for His bed.  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from Heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our lord in heav'n above  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.

### The First Nowell

The first nowell 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  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night  
*Nowell, .....*

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly lord,  
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought.  
*Nowell, .....*

### Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth,  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth  
*Come and worship Christ the new born King,  
Come and worship, worship Christ the new born King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant light.  
*Come and worship .....*

Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In his temple shall appear.  
*Come and worship .....*

### Silent Night

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child,  
Holy infant 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 ghosts sing alleluia!  
Christ the saviour is born, Christ the saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiance beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

### As With Gladness

As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold,  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leding onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to thee.

As they offered gifts most rare  
At that manger rude and bare,  
So must we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee our heav'nly King.

In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
Thou its sun which goes not down,  
There forever may we sing  
Hallelujas to our King.

### Ding Dong Merrily

Ding Dong merrily on high,  
In heaven the bells are ringing,  
Ding dong verily the sky  
Is riv'n with angels singing  
*Glo.....ria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

E'en so hear below, below,  
Let steeple bells be swungen,  
And io, io, io,  
By priest and people sungen.  
*Glo.....ria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

Pray your dutifully prime  
Your matin chime ye ringers,  
May you beautifully rhyme  
Your evetime song ye singers.  
*Glo.....ria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

### God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas day,  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astay:  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!*  
*O tidings of comfort and joy!*

From God our heavenly Father  
A blessèd angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds,  
Brought tidings of the same;  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name.  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, .....*

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All other doth efface.  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, .....*

### Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out  
On the feast of Stephen  
When the snow lay round about  
Deep and crisp and even  
Brightly shone the moon that night  
Though the frost was cruel  
When a poor man came in sight  
Gathering winter fuel

"Hither, page, and stand by me  
If thou know'st it, telling,  
Yonder peasant, who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?"  
"Sire, he lives a good league hence  
Underneath the mountain  
Right against the forest fence  
By Saint Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine  
Bring me pine-logs hither  
Thou and I will see him dine  
When we bear them thither."  
Page and monarch forth they went  
Forth they went together  
Through the rude wind's wild lament  
And the bitter weather

"Sire, the night is darker now  
And the wind blows stronger  
Fails my heart, I know not how  
I can go no longer."  
"Mark my footsteps, my good page  
Tread thou in them boldy  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage  
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

In his master's steps he trod  
Where the snow lay dinted  
Heat was in the very sod  
Which the Saint had printed  
Therefore, Christian men, be sure  
Wealth or rank possessing  
Ye who now will bless the poor  
Shall yourselves find blessing.

### Jingle Bells

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

*Jingle Bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way;  
Oh, what fun it is to ride, in a one horse open sleigh!  
Jingle Bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way;  
Oh, what fun it is to ride, in a one horse open sleigh!*

A day or two to go, 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 we, we got upset.  
*Jingle Bells, Jingle bells, .....*

Now the ground is white, Go it while you're young,  
Take the girls tonight, and sing this sleighing song.  
Just get a bobtail bay, two-forty for his speed;  
Then hitch him to an open sleigh, and crack! You'll  
take the lead.  
*Jingle Bells, Jingle bells, .....*

### 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.*

Now bring us some figgy pudding, now bring us some  
figgy pudding,  
Now bring us some figgy pudding, and bring some out  
here!  
*Good Tidings we bring, .....*

O we won't go until we've got some,  
no we won't go until we got  
some,  
We won't go until we got some, so bring some out here!  
*Good Tidings we bring, .....*

O we all like figgy pudding, yes, we all like figgy pudding,  
We all like figgy pudding, so bring some out here!  
*Good Tidings we bring, .....*

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie,  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light,  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the Holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth.  
For Christ is born of Mary,  
And, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.

O Holy child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us we pray,  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell,  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Immanuel.