

## The Christmas Story

### Song 1 - Hear the Message

Hear the message that we come to bring.  
Hear the story of a newborn king.  
Hear the news of how he came to earth.  
Hear the story of the Saviour's birth.

See the one who is the King of Kings.  
See the greatest gift of hope he brings  
See the baby in a stable bare.  
God's great gift to people everywhere.

Come and celebrate this precious Lord.  
Come and celebrate the living word.  
Sing with us about a glorious birth,  
bringing hope to all and peace on earth.

### Reading:

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

### Song 2 - On now to Bethlehem

On now to Bethlehem.  
We're on our way.  
Journeying on  
to a brighter new day.  
On now to Bethlehem.  
Follow the light  
into the dawn of a glorious new light.

On now to Bethlehem.  
We're pressing on.  
Traveling where those before  
us have gone.  
On now to Bethlehem.  
Finding our way

into the dawn of a glorious new day.

On now to Bethlehem.  
No turning back.  
No changing course.  
We are staying on track.  
On now to Bethlehem.  
Looking above,  
seeking the promise of God's gift of love.  
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### **Reading:**

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

### **Song 3 - We are very sorry**

We are very sorry  
that we have to say:  
there's no room available  
within this house today.  
Many folk have come here,  
some from far away,  
looking for a nice warm room,  
a place where they can stay  
You can use the stable.  
Sleeping on the floor.  
Mattress made of hay  
and a pillow filled with straw.  
We would like to help you  
if we only could.  
But we sadly can't but you know  
if we could we would.

When you have your baby,  
sadly there wont be  
anybody there who's going to  
keep you company.  
There will be no nurses.  
It wont be much fun.  
No one there to help you through  
for when your baby comes.  
Lay him in the manger.

Try to keep him warm.  
Watch him gently sleeping  
and keep him from all harm.  
We are very sorry  
that we have to say  
there's no room available  
within this house today.

### **Reading:**

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

### **Song 4 - Shepherd's on the hillside**

Shepherd's on the hillside  
watch their flocks by night.  
Saw a mighty vision,  
a strange and wond'rous sight.  
Angels came to tell them  
news of a king's birth.  
God's own son had come to be  
the Saviour of the earth.

Hear the great glad tidings.  
For to you today  
has been born the Christ-child  
the life, the truth, the way.  
Down in David's city  
out of David's line,  
comes the one long promised  
and this shall be the sign:

See the heavenly baby,  
There for all to see  
Just a tiny infant,  
from all eternity.  
Glory to the Father.

Glory to the Son.  
Glory to the Spirit.  
And peace to everyone.

### **Reading:**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

### **Song 5 - We are the wise men**

We are the wise men who've travelled,  
coming from kingdoms afar.  
Hearts full of hope as we journey  
following one guiding star.  
Seeking a King is our mission,  
Seeking the long promised one.  
Hope of the ages now with us.  
Jesus is God's promised Son.

Bringing our gifts to adore him,  
Incense and myrrh and fine gold,  
just to present to the Christ-child,  
promised by prophets of old.  
Kneeling before him in wonder.  
He is the one we adore.  
Worship this babe in a manger.  
Promise of all that's in store.

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### **Reading:**

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## **Song 6 - This is our Christmas story**

This is our Christmas story.  
Song without end.  
God's own son has to come to earth.  
He's the greatest friend.  
This is our Christmas story.  
A message true.  
Bringing hope and peace and love  
just for me and you.

This is our Christmas story.  
One starry night  
God's own son came down to earth  
bringing heavenly light.  
This is our Christmas story.  
There in the stall.  
Giver of eternal life.  
God's gift to us all.

This is our Christmas story.  
Through ages long  
Time can never take away  
This, our joyful song.  
This is our Christmas story.  
He comes to be  
Saviour, King and Lord of all  
through eternity.

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