

♪HYMN LYRICS: ♪ ♪ Hymns for CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24, 2020 ♪ ♪~

LYRICS FOR SINGING ALONG

♪Hymn 1

**IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR**

1 It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains,  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

*Words by Edmund Sears, 1848;  
Music by Richard Storrs Willis, 1850*

♪Hymn 3

**ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

1 Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
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3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
(Refrain x2)

*(Traditional French Carol, 18th Century)*

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♪Hymn 2

**O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

1 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.

3 How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of the heav'ns.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still  
the dear Christ enters in.

*Words by Phillips Brooks, 1868;  
Music by Lewis Redner, 1868*

♪Hymn 3

**SILENT NIGHT**

1. 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.

2. Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

3. Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light;  
radiant beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*Words by Joseph Mohr,  
Music by Franz Gruber -  
Christmas Eve, 1818*