

While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night (to Lingham or Ilkley Moor)

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
The Angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around.

"Fear not" said he for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
To you and all mankind"

"To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign"

"The heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands
And in a manger laid".

Thus spake the seraph and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of Angels praising God, and thus
Addressed their joyful song.

All glory be to God on high
And on the earth be peace
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.

The Holly and the Ivy

The holly and the ivy
When they are both full grown
Of all the trees that are in the wood
The holly bears the crown

CHORUS

Oh, the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing (all) in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom,
As white as the lily flower
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To be our sweet saviour.

CHORUS

The holly bears a berry
As red as any blood
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To do poor sinners good

CHORUS

The holly bears a prickle
As sharp as any thorn
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas day in the morn

CHORUS

The holly bears a bark
As bitter as any gall
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to redeem us all.

REPEAT FIRST VERSE AND CHORUS

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

CHORUS

Glad tidings we bring
To you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy new

Now bring us some figgy pudding x 3
And bring some out here

CHORUS

For we all like figgy pudding x3
So bring some out here

CHORUS

We won't go until we've got some x3
So bring some out here

CHORUS

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas

The Boars Head Carol

The boar's head in hand bear I
Be-decked with bays and rosemary
And I pray you, my masters, be merry
Quot estes in convivio

CHORUS

Caput apri defero
Redens laudes domino
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Redens laudes domino

The boar's head, as I understand
Is the rarest dish in all the land
Which thus be-decked with a gay garland
Let us seivre cantico

CHORUS

Our steward hath provided this
In honour of the King of bliss
Which on this day to be served is
In Reginen si atrio.

CHORUS

REPEAT FIRST VERSE AND CHORUS

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

In the bleak mid-winter, 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 mid-winter, Long ago

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, Nor earth sustain

Heaven and earth shall flee away, When He comes to reign

In the bleak mid-winter, A stable-place sufficed

The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ

Angels and Archangels, May have gathered there

Cherubim and seraphim,
Throng-ed the air

But only His Mother, In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved, With a kiss

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