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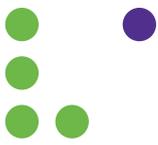


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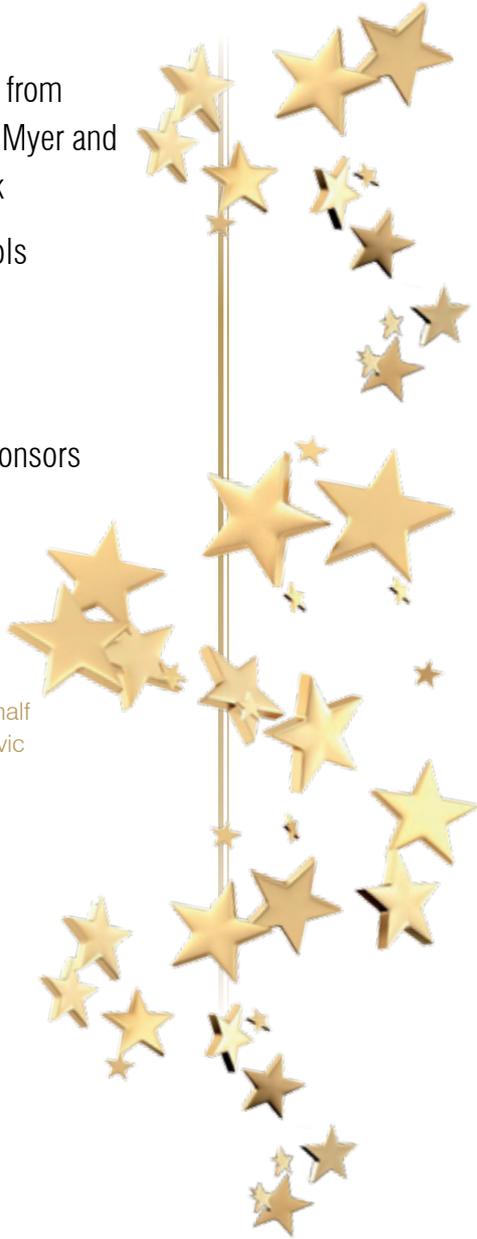
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# Christmas Eve

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Cover: Vision Australia client Lilly, age four and a half pictured with Karl Stefanovic and Lisa Wilkinson. Lilly is dressed by Myer.



Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight® presented by Myer is one of Australia's most magical traditions.

Every Christmas Eve, in Melbourne's Sidney Myer Music Bowl and on televisions around the country, celebrity performers join together with mums and dads, sisters and brothers, grandparents and children to sing songs of joy and celebrate in the season of goodwill and giving.

It is a very special night when Vision Australia depends on the generosity of Australians to support the families of children who are blind or have low vision.

Vision Australia knows that it is particularly important for children who are blind or have low vision to receive specialist assistance from an early age. So much learning occurs through observation and copying but, without visual stimulus, babies and children who are blind or have low vision need special encouragement to develop the physical skills necessary for independence.

For example, Vision Australia teaches parents the techniques they can use to encourage their children to build muscle strength so they can walk confidently holding a cane.

And, Vision Australia's unique Feelix Library helps children who are vision impaired to make the connection between braille dots on a page and the words their parents read from a story book.

Professional help is vital to assist families of children who are blind or have low vision and demand for services is rising.

Vision Australia wants to ensure that every child who is blind or has low vision can reach the same milestones as sighted children. To do this, we rely on the generosity of Australians and fundraising events such as this.

**So, whether you're at the live show in Melbourne, among the national audience watching on the Nine Network or listening to the audio-described broadcast on Vision Australia Radio on Christmas Eve, thank you for your support, enjoy the show and have a happy and safe Christmas.**



Scan to download the Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight® phone app or go to [www.carols.visionaustralia.org](http://www.carols.visionaustralia.org)

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If Christmas Eve is a day of total fire ban, the Metropolitan Fire Brigade will determine if audience members at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl in Melbourne will be able to light candles.

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# We wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and a wonderful 2012



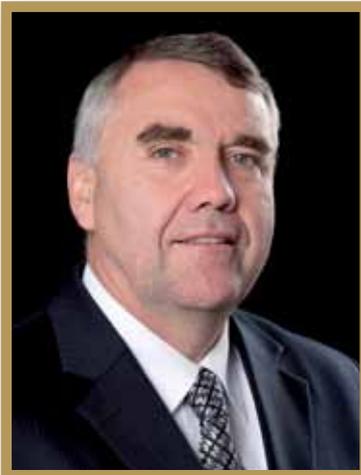
Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight has become a Christmas Eve tradition for many families across Australia.

The spirit of celebration, sharing and giving is very special for children and this year Lilly, who is almost five and is blind, represents all the children who will benefit from this event.

Families of children who are blind or have low vision depend on Vision Australia's specialist services to assist their children to reach their full potential and the increasing demand is putting pressure on our limited funds. Without the generosity of donors and sponsors we could not offer these services.

In particular, Vision Australia thanks Myer, our Presenting Partner, our leading media sponsor, Channel Nine, 3AW, Magic 1278, Woman's Day and Health Super.

**Gerard Menses**  
Chief Executive Officer, Vision Australia



Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight is a special event that brings Australians together to celebrate Christmas.

It is a tradition that Melburnians enjoy in one of the city's most iconic venues, the Sidney Myer Music Bowl and at Myer we are proud to continue to support this wonderful event as the Presenting Partner for the fourth year.

It is a privilege to sit amongst the thousands of Melburnians that pack the Music Bowl each year to be inspired by the carols performed by some of the country's most talented artists.

Myer continues to celebrate Christmas with our communities, from the Myer Christmas Windows, to the new Myer Christmas Spectacular and of course this year's Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight. It is our pleasure to again celebrate with all of you.

From all of the Myer team I wish you a happy and safe Christmas and best wishes for 2012.

**Bernie Brookes**  
Chief Executive Officer, Myer



Each year as we come together to celebrate the meaning of Christmas, Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight stands out as a very special event in a great tradition.

Since 1980 the Nine Network has proudly presented this wonderful evening live from the Sidney Myer Music Bowl. In 2011, Today Show and Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight hosts Karl Stefanovic and Lisa Wilkinson will be joined by many of the nation's finest entertainers to give family, friends and loved ones the opportunity to share in the spirit of Christmas.

To the many people behind the scenes who help to make this wonderful event possible, I'd like to say thank you and recognise their efforts. I'd also like to acknowledge Bernie Brookes and the team from Myer for their ongoing support of Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight.

Wherever you may be and whatever plans you have across this festive period, on behalf of the Nine Network I'd like to say thank you for your ongoing support in 2011 and wish you and those around you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Ian Paterson**  
Managing Director GTV9

# The Stars of Carols

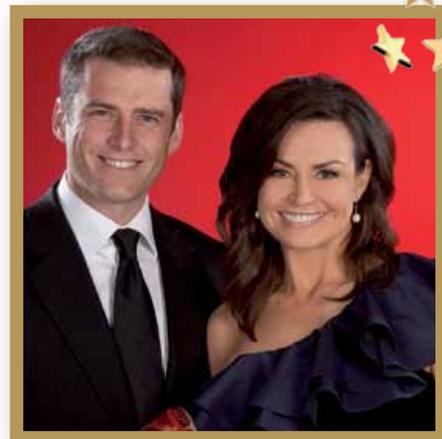
## Karl Stefanovic and Lisa Wilkinson

By day we know them as the top-rating hosts of the Today Show, but on Christmas Eve Lisa Wilkinson and Karl Stefanovic are hosting Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight for the fourth year in a row.

In his 16 years as a journalist Karl has covered some of Australia's biggest news stories. In 2011, he received the coveted Gold Logie for Most Popular Personality on Australian Television and the Silver Logie for Most Popular TV Presenter.

Lisa is one of Australia's most admired and accomplished female journalists through her unparalleled career spanning magazines, radio and television.

Together Karl and Lisa have now become television's most popular duo: hosting everything from the Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton to the recent Federal Election – and of course this year's Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight, which they tell us is always their favourite night of the year.



## John Foreman

For nearly two decades John Foreman has been appearing on our television screens. He is a pianist, musical director and composer.

He was musical director of Good Morning Australia and Australian Idol. He wrote The Flame for the Sydney Olympics, has produced numerous singles and albums, and has also performed at music festivals in the USA, Canada and the UK. In 2012, he will be the musical director for Young Talent Time.

John has been musical director for Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight since 2003 and continues to help make Christmas Eve a musical extravaganza.

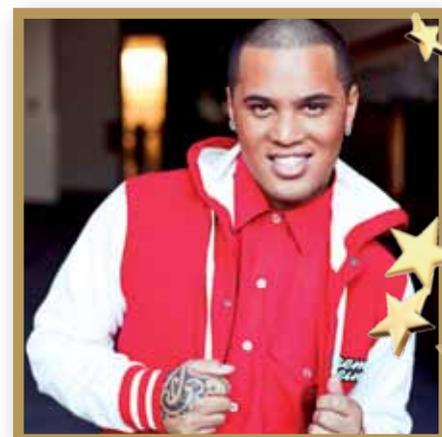


## Stan Walker

At the age of 18 Stan Walker burst onto the music scene, a young man with an incredibly mature and soulful voice. He has released three albums and is set to make his film debut in the New Zealand production, A Gift to Zion.

This is Stan's first year at Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight and he is honoured to be named as the ambassador for the event.

"There are so many kids with little or no sight, and I'm thrilled to help Vision Australia raise awareness for their cause," he said.



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## Ricki-Lee Coulter

With a voice that can blow you away and a bubbly personality that has won her numerous television and radio gigs, Ricki-Lee Coulter is one of Australia's favourite entertainers.

In the past seven years she has achieved more than some entertainers manage in a decade or more: seven top 10 gold and platinum singles, plus a huge international hit, and roles as a TV and breakfast radio host.

A regular on Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight stage, Ricki-Lee recently released a new single, Raining Diamonds.



## Marina Prior

Regarded as Australia's leading lady of musical theatre, Marina Prior has played lead roles in a vast array of productions, including The Pirates of Penzance, Cats, Les Miserables, The Phantom of the Opera, West Side Story, Guys and Dolls and Mary Poppins, to name a few.

Marina has won numerous awards, including an Advance Australia Award for her contribution to the Performing Arts. In 2006, she was honoured by being named in Australia's 100 Entertainers of the Century.



## James Morrison

A world jazz legend and an idol to fans all over the world, James Morrison is the Australian multi-instrumentalist who has been a guest performer with most of the world's great symphony orchestras and national radio bands.

James has performed and recorded with most of the world's jazz greats and is respected by all of them for his great talent.



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## Lucy Durack

One of Australia's rising leading ladies on screen and stage, Lucy Durack has a list of major roles to her credit.

Her most recent performances include Glinda the Witch in the original Australian cast of *Wicked*, Cherry in the feature film *Goddess* which is due for release in 2012, and the telemovie *Dripping In Chocolate*.

Lucy graduated from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Theatre. She is back again this year for another spectacular performance at Vision Australia's *Carols by Candlelight*.



## Denis Walter

A firm favourite with audiences, Denis Walter returns to Vision Australia's *Carols by Candlelight* stage for his 27th appearance.

After almost four decades in entertainment he remains one of Australia's most successful performers. Denis, the host of *3AW Afternoons*, has recently launched a new album, *Songs from a Southern Land*, featuring his favourite Australian lyrics. He also appears in the upcoming Australian movie *Any Questions For Ben*.

We thank Denis for his ongoing contribution to Vision Australia's *Carols by Candlelight*.



## Christie Whelan

One of Australia's brightest theatre talents, Christie Whelan is a welcome addition to Vision Australia's *Carols by Candlelight*.

She has starred in *Grease – The Arena Spectacular*, *Company*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Anything Goes* and *Sugar*, as well as working in television and film.

She won the 2008 Sydney Theatre Award for Best Newcomer and has also become a fine cabaret performer. Her solo show, *Britney Spears – The Cabaret*, had sellout seasons and garnered award nominations and critical acclaim.

Christie is currently performing as Gwendolen Fairfax in the Melbourne Theatre Company production of *The Importance Of Being Earnest*.



## Lorin Nicholson

Declared legally blind at the age of four, Lorin Nicholson has performed at Vision Australia's *Carols by Candlelight* in years gone by and is honoured to be back again.

Lorin is a gifted guitarist and motivational speaker. Over the past eight years he has performed at more than 3000 concerts throughout Australia, New Zealand and America. At the Tamworth Country Music Awards in 2005 he was named an instrumentalist of the year finalist, alongside the legendary Tommy Emmanuel.

Earlier this year Lorin released his fourth CD and became the author of an inspirational children's book.



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## Anthony Callea

ARIA Award winner Anthony Callea has forged a successful career as one of this country's most powerful voices.

His debut single, The Prayer, became the fastest and highest selling single of all time by an Australian artist. As well as his own national tours, he has toured with Celine Dion and Whitney Houston and was chosen to perform for Luciano Pavarotti and Queen Elizabeth II. Anthony's new single Oh Oh Oh Oh is currently burning up dance floors around the country,

This is Anthony's eighth year at Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight and he would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas.



## Love Never Dies

Ben Lewis, Anna O'Byrne, Maria Mercedes and Simon Gleeson, four of the principal players in Love Never Dies, will be joined by 15 other members of the stage show for their first Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight performance.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's sequel to The Phantom of the Opera follows the Phantom's escape from the Paris Opera to New York's spectacular Coney Island. Love Never Dies is playing in Melbourne until December 18 and will open in Sydney on January 12, 2012.



## Emma Pask

At the age of 16 Emma Pask was discovered by James Morrison and since then she has been touring with him around Australia and overseas. This year Emma joins Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight for the first time.

Emma, who has a unique voice and style, performed the Bridal Waltz for Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban's wedding in 2006. Earlier that year she received the Mo Award for Jazz Vocalist of the Year.

Following the enormous success of her first two albums, Emma and This Madness Called Love, she has now released her third album, Some Other Spring.



## Tim Campbell

A versatile performer most recognised as Dan Baker from Home & Away, Tim Campbell has been host of The Celebrity Singing Bee, The Million Dollar Wheel of Fortune and National Bingo Night, as well as carving up the dance floor on Dancing with the Stars.

His stage credits include Johnny O'Keefe in Shout! and Fiyero in Wicked. More recently he has been filling corporate event dance floors with the Tim Campbell Band.

Tim would like to dedicate this performance to the late Ron Smith.



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## Troy Cassar-Daley

One of the most loved and respected singer/songwriters in Australian country music, Troy Cassar-Daley has released eight studio albums since 1995.

In 16 years he has earned numerous accolades, including four ARIA Awards, 21 Golden Guitars at the Tamworth Country Music Festival, two APRA Country Song of the Year Awards, seven Deadlys (Australian Indigenous Artist Awards), four Entertainer of the Year Awards from the Country Music Association of Australia, and the 2008 Country Music Association of America Country Music Global Artist Award.



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## Silvie Paladino

Performances in Australia, Asia and on London's West End have made Silvie Paladino one of our most versatile and talented entertainers.

She has appeared in Les Miserables, Cats, Miss Saigon, Hair, Mamma Mia! and played Rita in the world premiere of Sideshow Alley.

Silvie's concert performances include lead artist with the Melbourne Symphony, Sydney Symphony and Australian Philharmonic Orchestra. She has also toured with the Bangkok Symphony Orchestra in concerts throughout Thailand and recently released a solo album, On My Own.



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## David Hobson

Tenor and composer David Hobson is one of Australia's best known opera performers, who has performed numerous roles in Australia and internationally and sung for Queen Elizabeth II.

He has won several awards, including a MO Award for Operatic Performer of the Year, the Sydney Critics' Circle Award and The Age Performing Arts Award for Best Performer in Opera.

This year David's performances have included the Bundaleer Festival in South Australia, The Merry Widow for Opera Australia and a national concert tour with Teddy Tahu-Rhodes.



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## Hi-5

A vibrant mix of stories, imagination and adventure, Hi-5 invites children to explore the world through movement, music and laughter.

The Hi-5 cast Casey, Fely, Lauren, Stevie and Tim are highly talented young singers and dancers, whose warmth and energy enables them to engage their audience.

Hi-5 encourages children to develop their own potential and take a joyous and active part in life.



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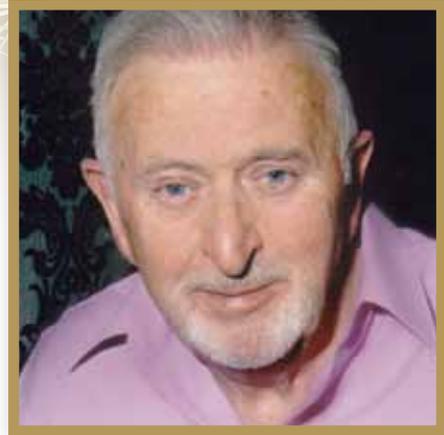
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## Terry Gill

With his wife Carole Ann, Terry Gill keeps busy running the Tivoli Theatre Restaurant in Melbourne's Malvern. They produce and appear in a regular rock'n'roll music and comedy show, give midday variety shows for seniors, and present popular children's theatre productions.

After 25 years as Santa's Special Helper, Terry still regards Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight as the gig of the year.



## Australian Girls Choir

Over the past 28 years, the Australian Girls Choir has dazzled audiences with their energetic and vibrant performances at Australia's biggest events, on television, and on national and international tours.

AGC has performed with a long list of artists from the entertainment world, including Hugh Jackman, Guy Sebastian, Delta Goodrem and Olivia Newton-John



## National Boys Choir of Australia

Founded in 1964, the National Boys Choir of Australia is one of our finest treble choirs, regularly performing with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Opera Australia and the Victorian Opera.

The choir has entertained crowds at many major events, including the Sydney Olympics, Melbourne Commonwealth Games and the Grand Prix. It is perhaps most widely recognised from the Qantas commercials that feature the choir.

This year marks the Choir's 24th year on stage at Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight.

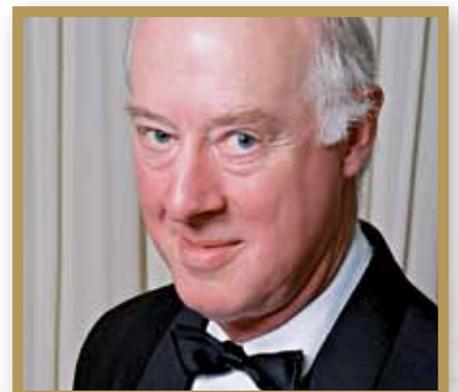


## Douglas Heywood OAM

The triumphant sound of Handel's famous Hallelujah Chorus, sung by Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight choir, will once again fill the Sidney Myer Music Bowl.

The thousands present who will rise, raise their candles and celebrate the message of Christmas with the choir and the television viewers will have the joy of seeing the magnificent and spontaneous choreography of the candles against the night sky.

Douglas Heywood OAM, the Musical Director, believes the choir symbolises the spirit of Melbourne and Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight. Douglas and the choir are looking forward to this special night.



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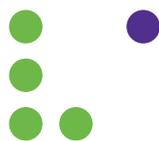
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# Ding Dong Merrily on High

Words by C. Wood. Music by R. Woodward.  
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**Ding dong! Merrily on high  
In Heav'n the bells are ringing  
Ding dong! Verily the sky  
Is riv'n with angels singing**

**Gloria – Hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria – Hosanna in excelsis!**

**E'en so here below, below,  
Let steeple bells be swungen  
And i-o, i-o, i-o  
By priest and people sungen**

**Gloria – Hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria – Hosanna in excelsis!**

**Pray you, dutifully prime  
Your matin chime, ye ringers  
May you beautifully rhyme  
Your evetime song, ye singers**

**Gloria – Hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria – Hosanna in excelsis!**

# Hallelujah Chorus

Written by George Frideric Handel.  
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Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (repeat)

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth – Hallelujah! (repeat twice)

The Kingdom of this world

Is become the Kingdom of our Lord

And of His Christ, and of His Christ

And He shall reign for ever and ever (repeat three times)

King of Kings forever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And Lord of Lords forever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (repeat)

King of Kings forever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

And Lord of Lords

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

And He shall reign, and He shall reign

And He shall reign, and He shall reign

Forever and ever

King of Kings – Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

and Lord of Lords – Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

He shall reign forever and ever

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

He shall reign forever and ever

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Halle – lu – jaah!



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# Hark The Herald Angels

Words by Charles and John Wesley. Music by Mendelssohn.  
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Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn 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 the incarnate deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n born prince of peace  
Hail the Son of righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Risen with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays his glory be  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King



# O Come All Ye Faithful

Words by John Wade, translated by Frederick Oakley.  
Music by John Reading. Public Domain

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

Yea Lord, we greet thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesu, to thee by glory giv'n  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of Heav'n above  
Glory to God  
In the highest

O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord



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# O Holy Night

Words by J.S. Dwight. Music by Adolphe Adam.  
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O holy night  
The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth  
Long lay the world  
In sin and error pining  
'Till he appeared and the soul felt his worth

The thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices  
For yonder beams a new and glorious morn  
Fall on your knees  
Oh hear the angel voices

O night divine  
O night, when Christ was born  
O night divine  
O night, O night divine.

Truly He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother  
And His name all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus rise  
Let all within us praise His holy name

Christ is the Lord  
Then ever, ever praise we  
Noel, noel, O night divine  
Noel, noel, O night, O night divine  
Noel, noel, O holy night

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# Silent Night

Words by Joseph Mohr, Music by Franz Xavier Gruber.  
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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

Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heav'nly hosts sing hallelujah  
Christ the Saviour is born  
Christ the Saviour is born

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



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# The First Noel

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The first Noel, 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  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

They look-ed up and saw a star  
Shining in the east, beyond them far  
And to earth it gave a great light  
And so it continued both day and night  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our Heav'nly Lord  
That hath made Heav'n and Earth of naught  
And with His blood Mankind hath bought  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel



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