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SIX OLD CHRISTMAS CAROLS

O Thou Glorious Day Victorious

German Christmas Carol

English version by
Henry G. Chapman

Andante tranquillo

Sicilian Folk-Melody

1-3. O thou glo - ri - ous_ Day vic - to - ri - ous, -

Mer - ry Christ - mas, art come a - - gain!

1. Earth_ lost and lorn_ here Till Christ was born here:
 2. Je - sus ap - pear - eth, Par - don he bear - eth:
 3. Heav - en - ly voic - es Sing - ing thy prais - es:

1-3. O_ re - joice, re-joyce, all Chris - tian men.

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Rev. J. M. Neale

Allegretto

Old German Melody

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1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joi - ce — With heart and soul and
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joi - ce — With heart and soul and
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joi - ce — With heart and soul and

voice; — Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Je - sus Christ is
 voice; — Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Joy! Joy! Je - sus Christ was
 voice; — Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Je - sus Christ was

born to - day: Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the
 born for this! He hath oped the heav'n - ly door, And man is bless - ed
 born to save! Calls you one and calls you all, To gain his ev - er -

man - ger now. Christ is born to - day! — Christ is born to - day! —
 ev - er - more. Christ was born for this! — Christ was born for this! —
 last - ing hall: Christ was born to save! — Christ was born to save! —

A Child This Day Is Born

Words traditional

Allegretto moderato

Traditional Melody

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1. A Child this day is born, A Child of high re - nown; Most
 2. These ti - dings shepherds heard, Whilst watching o'er their fold; 'Twas
 3. They saw a host on high, In saint - ly robes ar - ray'd, And
 4. "This day your Lord is born, Your King Em - man - u - el, The
 5. The shep - herds joy - ful sped To Beth - le - hem straight - way, So
 6. All glo - ry be to God, That sit - teth still on high, With

f

Refrain

wor - thy of a scep - tre, A scep - tre and a crown.
 by an an - gel un - to them That night re - veal'd and told.
 heard, "Go ye to Beth - le - hem, And be ye not a - fraid. 1-6. Glad
 prom - ised Sav - iour of the world, Shall ran - som Is - ra - el."
 full of joy they has - ten on, Chant - ing this sa - cred lay:
 prais - es and with tri - umph great, And joy - ful mel - o - dy.

ff

ti - dings to all men, Glad ti - dings sing we may, Be -

cause the King of Beth - le - hem Was born on Christ - mas Day.

Good King Wenceslas

Rev. J. M. Neale

Traditional Melody

Allegro

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1. Good King Wenceslas look'd out
 2. "Hither, page, and stand by me,
 3. "Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,
 4. "Sire, the night is dark - er now,
 5. In this mas - ter's steps he trod,

On the feast of Stephen, When the snow lay
 If thou know'st it tell - ing, Yonder peas - ant,
 Bring me pine - logs hith - er; Thou and I will
 And the wind blows strong - er; Fails my heart, I
 Where the snow lay dint - ed; Heat was in the

round a - bout, Deep, and crisp, and e - ven:
 who is he? Where and what his dwell - ing?"
 see him dine, When we bear them thith - er."
 know not how, I can go no long - er."
 ver - y sod Which the saint had print - ed.

Bright - ly shone the moon that night,
 "Sire, he lives a good league hence,
 Page and mon - arch forth they went,
 "Mark my foot - steps, good my page!
 There - fore, Chris - tian men, be sure,

Though the frost was cru - el; When a poor man
 Un - der - neath the moun - tain; Right a - gainst the
 Forth they went to - geth - er; Through the rude wind's
 Tread thou in them bold - ly: Thou shalt find the
 Wealth or rank pos - sess - ing, Ye who now will

came in sight, Ga - th'ring win - ter fu - - - el.
 for - est fence, By Saint Ag - nes' foun - - tain."
 wild la - ment, And the bit - ter' weath - - er.
 win - ter's rage, Freeze thy blood less cold - - ly."
 bless the poor, Shall your-selves find bless - - ing.

The Holly and the Ivy

Words traditional

Old French Melody

Allegretto

1. The
2. The
3. The
4. The
5. The
6. (Repeat Verse 1)

hol - ly and — the i - vy Now both — are full — well
 hol - ly bears a blos - som, As white as lil - y
 hol - ly bears a ber - ry, As red as an - y
 hol - ly bears a prick - le, As sharp as an - y
 hol - ly bears a bark, — As bit - ter as an - y

grown, — Of all the trees that are in the wood, The
 flow'r; — And Ma - ry bore sweet Je - sus Christ, To
 blood; — And Ma - ry bore sweet Je - sus Christ, To
 thorn; — And Ma - ry bore sweet Je - sus Christ, On
 gall; — And Ma - ry bore sweet Je - sus Christ, For

Refrain

hol - ly bears the crown.
 be our sweet Sav - iour.
 do poor sin - ners good. 1-6. O, the ris - ing of the sun, The
 Christ-mas Day in the morn.
 to re - deem us all.

run-ning of— the deer,— The play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, Sweet

sing - ing in— the quire,— sweet sing - ing in the quire.—

What Soul-inspiring Music

Words in Imitation of Original
by Rev. H. R. Bramley

Allegretto

Old Béarnaise Melody

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1. What soul - in - spir - ing mu - sic Thrills
2. Strange forms float hov - 'ring o'er us, New
3. Straight, crowds of heav'n - ly war - riors, Out
4. "Lord God, to Thee be glo - ry, In
5. Speed, Shep - herds, leave your sheep - folds, To

thro' the mid - night air? What sounds of heav'n - ly
sounds fall on our ear; God's An - gel bids us
shin - ing ev - 'ry star, Stand forth round that one
heights all height a - bove; Peace dwell on earth be -
Beth - 'hem haste a - way: Fall on your knees be -

sweet - ness Dis - pel all doubt and care? Ev - 'ry
wel - come, His voice says, "Nev - er fear! Born to
Her - ald, Pro - claim - ing Peace a - far; Choirs of
neath us, Towards men good - will and love! Heav'n and
fore Him, Sa - lute Him while ye may: Bring your

star and con-stel - la - tion Sheds a radiance dou - bly bright; See the
 you in Da - vid's cit - y Lies the Sav - iour all di - vine, Da - vid's
 An - gels and Arch - an - gels, Ser - a - phim and Cher - u - bim, Thrones and
 earth are now u - nit - ed, Man may see his Fa - ther's face; Ma - ry's
 off'rings, bring your treasure, O - pen wide each sim - ple store: Pipe and

Plei - ads and O - ri - on Glit - ter keen - ly in the height! Sparkling
 Root and David's Off - spring, Promised Seed of Da - vid's line; He is
 Princedoms, Dom - i - na - tions, Pow'rs and Might which wax not dim; Spir - it -
 Son, God's Word in - car - nate, Is an end - less Fount of Grace, There - fore
 dance in rus - tic mea - sure, In His man - ger Him a - dore: Ev - 'ry

fires like twink - ling blos - soms Stud Night's robe with light.
 swath'd and in a man - ger: Take this for a sign."
 hosts in ranks ce - les - tial, Raise one joy - ous hymn.
 Right - eous - ness may Mer - cy, And Truth Peace em - brace."
 deed to give Him plea - sure Be yours ev - er - more.

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