

# God rest you merry gentlemen

Unknown (18th Century)

Traditional English melody arranged by Sir. J. Stainer

1. God rest you mer - ry gen - tle - men let no - thing you dis - may,  
 2. In Beth - le - hem in Je - ry this bless - ed babe was born  
 3. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came  
 4. "Fear not," then said the an - gel, "Let no - thing you af - fright,  
 5. The shep - herds at those ti - dings re - joic - ed much in mind,  
 6. And when to Beth - le - hem they came to where the in - fant lay,  
 7. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place

1. For Je - sus Christ our Sa - viour was born up - on this day  
 2. And laid with - in a man - ger up - on this bless - ed morn;  
 3. And un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought ti - dings of the same,  
 4. This day is born a Sav - iour of vir - tue, power and might,  
 5. And left their flocks a feed - ing in temp - est storm and wind,  
 6. They found him in a man - ger where ox - en feed on hay;  
 7. And with true love and bro - ther hood each oth - er now em - brace;

1. To save us all from Sa - tan's power when we had gone a - stray,  
 2. The which his mo - ther Ma - ry did no - thing take in scorn.  
 3. How that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name:  
 4. To free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might. O - ti - dings of  
 5. And straight they came to Beth - le - hem the bless - ed babe to find:  
 6. His mo - ther, Ma - ry kneel - ing un - to the Lord did pray.  
 7. This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas all oth - ers doth de - face:

com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy. O - ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

**An Additional verse may be sung as follows:**

God bless the ruler of this house,  
 And send him long to reign,  
 And many a happy Christmas  
 May live to see again.  
 Among your friends\* and kindred,  
 That live both far and near,  
 And God send you a happy new year.

*\*It is thought that the word "fiends" was used in London streets in place of "friends"*