

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

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LYRICS

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VERSE 1

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

CHORUS

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy! O tidings of comfort and joy!

VERSE 2

In Bethlehem, in Israel, this blessèd Babe was born,
And laid within a manger upon this blessèd morn;
The which His mother Mary did nothing take in scorn. >> CHORUS

VERSE 3

From God our heavenly Father a blessèd angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same –
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. >> CHORUS

VERSE 4

“Fear not!” then, said the angel, “Let nothing you affright.
This day is born a Savior of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's power and might.” >> CHORUS

VERSE 5

The shepherds at those tidings rejoicèd much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straight way, the blessèd Babe to find. >> CHORUS

VERSE 6

And when to Bethlehem they came where our dear Savior lay,
They found Him in a manger where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling unto the Lord did pray. >> CHORUS

VERSE 7

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood, each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas ---- all others doth deface. >> CHORUS