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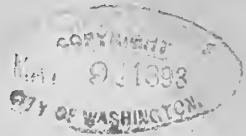
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## Christmas Morn.

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*Tune—"The Sweetest Name."*

1. O come and sing of Christmas morn,  
The bells with joy are ringing,  
That blessed morn when Christ was born,  
While angel choirs were singing.

CHORUS.

O come and sing,  
The anthem ring,  
With angels sing  
The story  
Of Christmas morn,  
When Christ was born,  
And crown him King  
Of Glory.

2. Sing, sing the grandest theme on earth,  
The dearest, sweetest story  
Of Christmas morn, our Saviour's birth,  
When came the Lord of Glory.
3. To Bethlehem that Christmas morn,  
There came the little stranger,  
And in a stable he was born  
And cradled in a manger.
4. That Christmas morn the Son of man,  
Who never knew beginning,  
On earth a human life began  
That never could be sinning.
5. O Holy Child of Bethlehem !  
We love thy birth-day story ;  
We'll take the royal diadem,  
And crown thee King of Glory !

## Christmas Anthem.

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*Tune—" Antioch."*

1. Come hear the grandest, gladdest song  
Of all the ages past,  
An anthem old, yet ever new,  
That ever more shall last.
2. Come hear the anthem that was sung  
That glorious Christmas morn  
When in the town of Bethlehem  
Our Saviour Christ was born.
3. Amid the stillness of the night,  
Sweet music filled the air  
From angel choirs with harps of gold ;  
And there was glory there.
4. In joyful praise the anthem rang :  
"Glory to God on high!  
And peace on earth, good-will to men !"  
And Heaven and earth reply.
5. The anthem echoed far and wide,  
Resounding through the sky ;  
And over hill and plain were heard  
Glad tidings from on high.
6. And still there echoes through the world  
The herald angels' song,  
For " peace on earth, good-will to men,"  
To all of us belong.
7. And now we hear the anthem of  
The bright, angelic throng,  
The anthem old, yet never new,  
The grandest, gladdest song.

## Merry Christmas Bells.

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*Tune—"Ring the Bells of Heaven."*

1. Merry Christmas bells are ringing loud and clear,  
Over hill and vale, in every clime,  
Sending all the world around the joyful cheer!  
Loud and clear the Christmas carols chime!

### CHORUS.

Merry, merry Christmas in the air,  
Happy, happy Christmas everywhere!  
Merry, merry Christmas tells of Jesus' birth,  
Happy, happy Christmas, peace on earth!

2. Merry Christmas bells are ringing loud and clear;  
From the ages past good news they tell.  
"Glory! Peace on earth, good-will to men," we hear,  
Loud and clear the Christmas anthems swell!
3. Merry Christmas bells are ringing loud and clear;  
Hear the merry chiming of the bells  
Sounding forth the gladdest day of all the year!  
Loud and clear the Christmas music swells!
4. Merry Christmas bells are ringing loud and clear;  
Happy mem'ries of the past they bring,  
Happy days of childhood with their magic cheer;  
Loud and clear the Christmas tidings ring!
5. Merry Christmas bells are ringing loud and clear;  
Hear the merry bells of Christmas time  
Telling now to all the merry, happy cheer!  
Loud and clear the Christmas carols chime!

## “Peace, Good-Will.”

*Tune—“Whosoever Will.”*

1. Hear the herald angels; hear, hear them sing !  
 “Glory! Peace on earth, good-will to men we bring!  
 Over hill and vale the angel-anthems ring:  
 “Peace on earth, good-will we bring!”

### CHORUS.

- “Peace, good-will we bring ;  
 Peace, good-will we bring!”
- Hallelujah! 'tis the birth-day of our King!  
 All around the world the Christmas carols ring :  
 “Peace on earth, good-will we bring!”
2. Hear the merry Christmas bells; hear them ring !  
 Joining in the anthem and their tribute bring.  
 Merry Christmas bells with herald angels sing :  
 “Peace on earth, good-will we bring!”
  3. Hear the merry children ; hear, hear them sing :  
 “Merry Christmas ! 'tis the birth-day of our King!”  
 Merry children, Christmas bells, and angels ring :  
 “Peace on earth, good-will we bring!”
  4. Hear the Christmas tidings ; hear, hear them ring!  
 Over hill and vale this birth-day of our King!  
 Christmas tidings, children, bells, and angels sing :  
 “Peace on earth, good-will we bring!”
  5. Hear our Christmas carols; hear, hear us sing,  
 As our heart's best offering to Christ we bring!  
 Carols, tidings, children, bells, and angels ring :  
 “Peace on earth, good-will we bring!”

## Christmas Story.

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*Tune—"Shining Shore."*

1. To shepherds with their flocks by night  
     An angel came and glory,  
 The Lord's own messenger and light,  
     And told a Christmas story.

### CHORUS.

- With angels sing,  
 Our praises bring,  
 And tell the Christmas story  
 How Christ was born  
 That blessed morn,  
 And crown him King of Glory!
2. That Christmas morn the angel said  
     To shepherds there abiding :  
     " Fear not"—for they were sore afraid—  
     " I bring to you good tidings."
3. " Good tidings of great joy I bring  
     To you and all the people"—  
     O let the joyful tidings ring  
     From every spire and steeple!
4. " For unto you is born this day  
     In David's town a Saviour,  
     Which is the Christ the Lord"—the Way  
     Of God's most gracious favor!
5. " And this shall be to you a sign:  
     That ye the little stranger  
     All wrapped in swaddling clothes shall find,  
     And lying in a manger."
6. They heard angelic voices then :  
     " To God on high be glory!  
     And peace on earth, good-will to men"—  
     O wondrous Christmas story!

## Bethlehem's Guiding Star.

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*Tune—"Wonderful Words of Life."*

1. Sing of Bethlehem's guiding star,  
 Join in the glad refrain;  
 Star of glory from heights afar,  
 Shining o'er hill and plain!  
 Guiding star of glory!  
 Wondrous Christmas story!  
 Beautiful star, guiding afar!  
 Wonderful guiding star!
  
2. Sing of Bethlehem's guiding star,  
 Leading across the earth  
 Wise men watching in lands afar,  
 Telling our Saviour's birth,  
 Finding Christ the stranger  
 Cradled in a manger.  
 Beautiful star, guiding afar!  
 Wonderful guiding star!
  
3. Sing of Jesus our Guiding Star,  
 Shining that all can see,  
 Finding sinners who've wandered far,  
 Guiding them, Lord, to thee;  
 Christ, the Saviour given,  
 Leading us to Heaven.  
 Beautiful Star, guiding afar!  
 Wonderful Guiding Star!
  
4. Sing the Bright and the Morning Star,  
 Making our pathway bright.  
 Led by Christ, though we've wandered far,  
 Surely we'll walk aright;  
 Perils ne'er can harm us,  
 Nothing can alarm us.  
 Beautiful Star, guiding afar!  
 Wonderful Guiding Star!

## Christmas Song.

*Tune—"The Old, Old Story."*

1. Come sing the sweetest story  
That earth has ever known,  
How came the King of Glory  
From Heaven's eternal throne;  
Sing, sing the grand old story  
Of Christ our Saviour's birth,  
How Jesus came from glory  
And Heaven met with earth.

### CHORUS.

- O sing the grand old story,  
How came the King of Glory,  
The dearest, sweetest story,  
Of Christ our Saviour's birth.
2. Sing how that little stranger,  
The Babe of Bethlehem,  
Was cradled in a manger,  
Earth's best and brightest gem;  
When after weary ages  
Were numbered with the past,  
The Child of all the ages,  
The Christ, was born at last.
  3. Sing how angelic voices  
Were heard by shepherds' ear,  
While all the earth rejoices  
With tidings glad and dear;  
And hills and groves are swelling,  
And sending back reply,  
While angel choirs are telling  
Glad tidings from on high.
  4. O sing this sweetest story,  
And singing learn to love  
And serve the King of Glory  
Who came from Heaven above.  
O sing the grand old story,  
And join in glad accord;  
And crown our King of Glory  
This birth-day of our Lord!



# Christmas Carol.

*Tune—"Newton."*

1. Christmas Morn!  
Sing! Christ is born!  
Morn of morns  
Is Christmas morn!  
Shepherds heard the angels sing:  
"Peace on earth, good-will we bring."  
"Peace, good-will" on Christmas morn!  
Hallelujah! Christ is born!
2. Christmas Day!  
Sing! Christ the Way!  
Day of days  
Is Christmas day!  
Best and brightest of the year!  
Way to God and Heaven made clear!  
"Peace, good-will" on Christmas day!  
Hallelujah! Christ the Way!
3. Christmas Night!  
Sing! Christ the Light!  
Night of nights  
Is Christmas night!  
Doom and darkness turned to light!  
Way to God and Heaven made bright!  
"Peace, good-will" on Christmas night!  
Hallelujah! Christ the Light!
4. Christmas Days!  
Sing! Christ we praise!  
Gladdest days  
Are Christmas days!  
With the herald angels sing  
Endless praise to Christ our King!  
"Peace, good-will" on Christmas days!  
Hallelujah! Christ we praise!
5. Christmas Cheer!  
Sing! Christ is here!  
Sweetest cheer  
Is Christmas cheer!  
"Peace on earth, good-will" are here!  
Tidings glad and sweet and dear!  
"Peace, good-will" with Christmas cheer!  
Hallelujah! Christ is here!

## New Year's Festival.

*Tune—"America."*

1. Our New Year's Festival,  
With thee to-night we shall  
    In gladsome voice  
Unite our hearts and sing,  
And make our old church ring,  
As we our tribute bring,  
    And all rejoice.
2. The New Year is begun—  
O Father, Spirit, Son!  
    To Thee we sing.  
The future is unknown,  
Great mercies thou hast shown,  
Thy leading we would own,  
    Our God and King.
3. O Heavenly Father, hear!  
Through all the coming year  
    Be very near ;  
And lead us close to thee,  
Thy free salvation see,  
Thy happy children be,  
    And never fear.
4. O Saviour Christ, draw near!  
And consecrate this year.  
    Choose thou our way ;  
Be thou our guide and light,  
And shield us by thy might,  
So shall we walk aright,  
    And never stray.
5. O Holy Ghost, draw near!  
And guide us through the year.  
    O Holy Light!  
Descend, and on us shine  
Thy energy divine,  
And make us wholly thine  
    To do the right.
6. O Father, Spirit, Son,  
Jehovah, Three in One!  
    Wilt thou be near ?  
Though perils may abound,  
With thee let us be found,  
Thy loving arms around,  
    All through the year.

## The New Year.

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*Tune—"America."*

1. Another year is done,  
A new one is begun  
    With joy and cheer.  
This year of Ninety-three  
We know not what shall be.  
We wish that all may see  
    A happy year.
  
2. O Lord ! this coming year  
Our lot without a fear  
    We leave to thee.  
Our path with good or ill  
With joy or sorrow fill,  
We know thy leading still  
    The best will be.
  
3. 'Tis thine to show thy ways,  
And thine the coming days,  
    And thine the year,  
And thine the day and night,  
And thine the dark and light,  
And thine to lead us right,  
    And thine to cheer.
  
4. O fill our lives with praise;  
Through all these coming days,  
    Give us thy light.  
Though days be dark and drear,  
With Jesus ever near,  
So shall we never fear;  
    All will be bright.
  
5. O Father, Spirit, Son !  
Whate'er with us is done,  
    'Twill still be best.  
Then lead us by thy hand,  
Obeying thy command,  
To Heaven's happy land,  
    To peace and rest.

# Salvation.

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*Tune—"Missionary Hymn."*

1. We love to *have* salvation  
 From Christ who died to save,  
 The precious proclamation  
 That God to sinners gave,  
 The great emancipation  
 For every sin-bound slave.  
 Salvation! oh, salvation  
 From Christ who died to save!
2. We love to *see* salvation,  
 Secured at highest cost,  
 Proclaimed to every nation,  
 To every sinner lost;  
 Let Christ and his salvation  
 To every one be given,  
 To men of every station,  
 Preparing all for Heaven.
3. We love to *learn* salvation  
 In Church and Sabbath School,  
 The blessed proclamation  
 Of Jesus and his rule.  
 It wins our hearts victorious,  
 The young as well as old;  
 O precious truth more glorious  
 Than ever angels told!
4. We love to *know* salvation,  
 And so be truly blest,  
 The only true foundation  
 On which our hopes can rest.  
 We know we have a Saviour  
 Who suffered in our place,  
 And we enjoy the favor  
 Of sinners saved by grace.

## Emancipation.

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*Tune—“ Webb.”*

1. We love to *sing* salvation  
     That saved us from the fall,  
 The great emancipation  
     That Christ secured for all.  
 We'll sing with those in glory  
     The song of praise above;  
 'Twill be the same old story  
     Of God's redeeming love.
  
2. We love to *send* salvation  
     Wherever man is found,  
 At home, to every nation,  
     Through all the earth around,  
 To "Greenland's icy mountains,"  
     To "India's coral strand,"  
 To "Afric's sunny fountains,"  
     To every heathen land.
  
3. We love to *hear* salvation  
     As taught in God's own Word;  
 We love the congregation  
     In which the truth is heard;  
 We love to hear the preacher  
     Proclaim the precious truth;  
 We love to see the teacher  
     Explain it to the youth.
  
4. Salvation! oh, salvation!  
     Shout, shout the joyful sound!  
 Ring out the proclamation  
     Through all the world around!  
 Proclaim emancipation  
     To every sin-bound slave!  
 The full and free salvation  
     From Christ who died to save!

## Invocation.

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*Tune—"God be with You."*

1.           Help us meet, O Lord,  
               With one accord ;  
               May we have thy presence o'er us  
               As we meet and join in chorus,—  
 Lord, be with us as we meet to-day (*to-night.*)
- CHORUS.

As we meet,  
 As we meet  
 Round our Father's mercy-seat ;  
 As we sing,  
 As we pray,  
 As we speak,  
 Be with us here to-day (*to-night.*)
2.           Heavenly Father, dear !  
               Wilt thou be here ?  
               Loving Saviour, be thou near us ;  
               Holy Spirit, do thou cheer us,—  
 Lord, be with us as we meet to-day (*to-night.*)
3.           As we sing and pray,  
               Show us thy way ;  
               May we have thy Word before us,  
               Loving-kindness floating o'er us,—  
 Lord, be with us as we meet to-day (*to-night.*)
4.           Grant that all may see  
               Salvation free ;  
               Hear and heed the Gospel story,  
               That we all may meet in glory,—  
 Lord, be with us as we meet to-day (*to-night.*)
5.           Father, Spirit, Son,  
               Blest Three in One !  
               May we all, our sins confessing,  
               Have forgiveness and thy blessing,  
 Lord, be with us as we meet to-day (*to-night.*)

## Benediction.

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*Tune—"God be with You."*

1.           Now dismiss us, Lord,  
              In one accord ;  
              Give us all thy richest blessing,  
              Each thy truth and love possessing,—  
Grant, O Lord, we all may meet again.

### CHORUS.

- All may meet,  
              All may meet  
              Ever more  
              On Jordan's shore ;  
              Jesus greet,  
              Jesus greet  
              On that shore,  
              With loved ones gone before.
2.           Some are here that we  
              May never see  
              With us here again to greet us,  
              Never more on earth to meet us,—  
Grant, O Lord, we all may meet again.
3.           While our hearts are glad,  
              Yet some are sad ;  
              None will ever meet in Heaven  
              Till their sins have been forgiven,—  
Grant, O Lord, we all may meet again.
4.           O may all believe,  
              And life receive  
              From the blessed Gospel story ;  
              Then we all shall meet in glory,—  
Grant, O Lord, we all may meet again.
5.           Jesus ever near,  
              We need not fear ;  
              Storms and troubles may alarm us,  
              Trusting Jesus none can harm us,—  
Grant, O Lord, we all may meet again.

## God With Us.

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*Tune—"God be with You."*

1. Ere our service ends,  
Let us, dear friends,  
Sing once more in parting chorus,  
Asking God's protection o'er us,—  
God be with us till we meet again.

### CHORUS.

- "Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with us till we meet again."
2. Shielded by thy might,  
We walk aright ;  
With thy loving arms around us,  
Dangers never can confound us,—  
God be with us till we meet again.
3. Through the day and night,  
O may thy light  
Sweetly shine and go before us,  
Loving-kindness floating o'er us,—  
God be with us till we meet again.
4. Through the coming days  
Choose thou our ways ;  
Like a shepherd do thou lead us,  
With thy heavenly manna feed us,—  
God be with us till we meet again.
5. Lord, as now we part,  
Bless thou each heart ;  
Keep our home in Heaven before us,  
And thy benediction o'er us,—  
God be with us till we meet again.









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