

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Traditional words

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1. God rest ye mer-ry, gen-tle-men, let noth-ing you dis-
2. In Beth-le-hem, in Is-ra-el, this bles-sed babe was
3. From God our heav'n-ly fa-ther, a bles-sed an-gel

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may, Re-mem-ber Christ our sav-ior was
born, And laid with-in a man-ger u-
came And un-to cer-tain shep-herds brought

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born on Christ-mas day, To save us all from
pon this bles-sed morn, The which his mo-ther
tid-ings of the same, How that in Beth-le-

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Sat-an's power when we were gone a-stray, O, ___
Mar-y did no-thing take in scorn, ___
hem was born the son of God by name, ___

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tid - ings - of com - fort and joy, com-fort and

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joy, O, — tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

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."
 Refrain.

5. The shepherds at those tidings
 Rejoicéd much in mind,
 And left their flocks a-feeding
 In tempest, storm and wind,
 And went to Bethlehem straightway
 This blessed babe to find.
 Refrain.

6. But when to Bethlehem they came,
 Whereas this infant lay,
 They found him in a manger,
 Where oxen feed on hay;
 His mother Mary kneeling,
 Unto the Lord did pray:
 Refrain.

7. With sudden joy and gladness
 The shepherds were beguiled,
 To see the babe of Israel
 Before his mother mild,
 O then with joy and cheerfulness
 Rejoice, each mother's child,
 Refrain.

8. 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 other doth deface.
 Refrain.

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