

# 'Singlish Folk' Broadsheet No. 22 Christmas

## WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year.  
Glad tidings we bring  
To you and your kin;  
Glad tidings for Christmas  
And a happy New Year!

Now bring us some figgy pudding  
Now bring us figgy pudding  
Now bring us figgy pudding  
And a cup of good cheer!  
Glad tidings we bring  
To you and your kin;  
Glad tidings for Christmas  
And a happy New Year!

We won't go until we get some  
We won't go until we get some  
We won't go until we get some  
So bring it out here!  
Glad tidings we bring  
To you and your kin;  
Glad tidings for Christmas  
And a happy New Year!

We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a happy New Year.  
Glad tidings we bring  
To you and your kin;  
Glad tidings for Christmas  
And a happy New Year!

## WHEN A CHILD IS BORN

A ray of hope flickers in the sky  
A tiny star lights up way up high  
All across the land dawns a brand new morn  
This comes to pass when a child is born

A silent wish sails the seven seas  
The winds of change whisper in the trees  
And the wall of doubt crumbles dust and torn  
This comes to pass when the child is born

The rosy view settles all around  
You got the feel you're on solid ground  
For a spell or two no one seems forlorn  
This comes to pass when a child is born

It's all a dream an illusion now  
It must come true sometime soon somehow  
And all across the land dawns a brand new morn  
This comes to pass when a child is born

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## JINGLE BELLS

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Dashing through the snow  
On a one-horse open sleigh,  
Over the fields we go,  
Laughing all the way;  
Bells on bob-tail ring,  
making spirits bright,  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
A sleighing song tonight.

Chorus:  
Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
jingle all the way!  
O what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.

## THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

Come they told me, (Par rup a pum pum)  
A new born king to see (Par rup a pum pum)  
Our finest gifts we bring (Par rup a pum pum)  
To lay before the king (Par rup a pum pum)  
(rup a pum pum) (rup a pum pum)  
So to honour him (Par rup a pum pum)  
When we come

Little baby  
I am a poor boy too  
I have no gift to bring  
To lay before the king  
(rup – a – pum – pum) (rup – a – pum – pum)  
Shall I play for you  
With my drum

Mary nodded  
The ox and lamb kept time  
I played my drum for him  
I played my best for him  
(rup – a – pum – pum) (rup – a – pum – pum)  
Then he smiled at me  
Me and my drum

## SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

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## **AULD LANG SYNE**

1. Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
And never brought to mind  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
And the days of auld lang syne

### Chorus

For auld land syne m' dear  
For auld land syne  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
For auld lang syne

2. And here's a hand my trusty friend  
And give a hand o' thine  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
For auld lang syne

## **DECK THE HALLS**

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,  
Fa la la la la la, la la la la.  
Tis the season to be jolly,  
Fa la la la la la, la la la la.

Don we now our gay apparel,  
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.  
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,  
Fa la la la la la, la la la la.

See the blazing Yule before us,  
Fa la la la la la, la la la la.  
Strike the harp and join the chorus.  
Fa la la la la la, la la la la.

Follow me in merry measure,  
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.  
While I tell of Yuletide treasure,  
Fa la la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes,  
Fa la la la la la, la la la la.  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,  
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.

Sing we joyous, all together,  
Fa la la la la la, la la la la.  
Heedless of the wind and weather,  
Fa la la la la la, la la la la.

## **THERE ARE NO LIGHTS ON OUR CHRISTMAS TREE**

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The time has come for festivity  
For Christmas pudding and revelry  
But as I passed out the other night  
I heard a small voice next to me:

chorus: There are no lights on our Christmas tree  
We must not spoil the televue  
No party games, no mistletoe  
Just whistle "Wenceslas", and out you go.

'Bout once a year I become a square  
I love to feel the tinsel in my hair  
I love to hear the songs of days gone by  
But dad and me we don't see eye-to-eye.

## **DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR**

Said the night wind to the little lamb  
Do you see what I see?  
Echo (Do you see what I see?)  
Way up in the sky little lamb  
Do you see what I see?  
Echo (Do you see what I see?)

A star, a star, dancing in the night  
With a tail as big as a kite (x2)

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy  
Do you hear what I hear?  
Echo (Do you hear what I hear?)  
Ringing through the sky shepherd boy  
Do you hear what I hear?  
Echo (Do you hear what I hear?)

A song, a song high above the tree  
With a voice as big as the sea (x2)

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king  
Do you know what I know?  
Echo (Do you know what I know?)  
In your palace warm mighty king  
Do you know what I know?  
Echo (Do you know what I know?)

A child, a child shivers in the cold  
Let us bring him silver and gold (x2)

Said the king to the people everywhere  
Listen to what I say?  
Echo (Listen to what I say?)  
Pray for peace people everywhere  
Listen to what I say?  
Echo (Listen to what I say?)

The child, the child sleeping in the night  
He will bring us goodness and light  
He will bring us goodness and light

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The Christmas crackers from uncle Alf  
They lie unopened upon the shelf  
Dad has forbid them but we're hoping he  
Won't notice one more bang in Laramy.

Some carol singers came to our door -  
I've never seen dad so mad before.  
He grabbed the leader by the coat  
And tried to ram his lantern down his throat.

When I grow up and become a man  
There'll be no television in my plan  
With laughter gay my house will ring  
I never want to hear my children sing: [chorus]

### **THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

On the first day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
A partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Two turtle doves,  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the third day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Three French hens,  
Two turtle doves,  
And a partridge in a pear tree.

...Four calling birds...  
...**Five gold rings**...  
...Six geese a-laying...  
...Seven swans a-swimming...  
...Eight maids a-milking...  
...Nine ladies dancing...  
...Ten lords a-leaping...  
...Eleven pipers piping...  
...Twelve drummers drumming...

### **RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER**

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer  
Had a very shiny nose  
and if you ever saw it  
you would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer  
used to laugh and call him names,  
they never let poor Rudolph  
join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas eve,  
Santa came to say "Rudolph with  
your nose so bright,  
won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then how the reindeer loved him,  
as they shouted out with glee,  
Rudolph the red nosed reindeer,  
you'll go down in history.

### **MARY HAD A BABY**

Mary had a baby, yes Lord,  
Mary had a baby, yes my Lord  
Mary had a baby, yes Lord  
People keep a-comin' an' the train done gone

What did she name Him, yes Lord (3x)  
People keep a-comin' an' the train done gone

She named Him Jesus, yes Lord (3x)  
People keep a-comin' an' the train done gone

Where was He born, yes Lord (3x)

Born in a stable, yes Lord (3x)

And where did she lay Him, yes Lord (3x)

She laid Him in a manger, yes Lord (3x)

### **ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT**

Sleep, my child and peace attend thee  
All through the night;  
Guardian angels God will send thee,  
All through the night.  
Soft the drowsy hours are creeping,  
Hill and vale in slumber sleeping,  
I my loving vigil keeping,  
All through the night.

While the moon her watch is keeping,  
All through the night;  
While the weary world is sleeping,  
All through the night.  
O'er thy spirit gently stealing,  
Visions of delight revealing,  
Breathes a pure and holy feeling,  
All through the night.

### **HOLLY AND IVY**

1. The holly and the ivy  
When they are both full grow  
Of all the trees that are in the wood  
The holly bears the crown

#### **Chorus:**

Oh the rising of the sun  
And the running of the deer  
The playing of the merry organ  
Sweet singing in the choir

2. The holly bears a blossom  
As white as any flower  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To be our sweet saviour
3. The holly bears a berry  
As red as any blood  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To do us sinners good
4. The holly bears a berry  
As bitter as any gall  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
For to redeem us all

### **CHERRY TREE CAROL**

1. Mary and Joseph were walking one day  
In a garden of cherries they happened for to stray (2x)

2. Mary spoke to Joseph so meek and so mild  
'Go gather me some cherries for I am with child' (2x)

3. Joseph flew in anger, in anger flew he  
'Let the father of the baby gather cherries for thee' (2x)

3. Then up spoke baby Jesus from in Mary's womb  
'Bow down the lowest branch so my mother might have some' (2x)

4. The bowed down the lowest branch, bowed low to the Ground  
Said she 'Oh look thou Joseph I have cherries by Command (2x)

5. Then Joseph took Mary upon his right knee  
Said 'Tell me pretty baby when your birthday will be' (2x)

6. On the sixth day of January my birthday will be  
When the elements will tremble and the stars will dance with glee (2x)

### **MARY'S BOY CHILD**

*Harry Belafonte*

1. Long time ago in Bethlehem  
So the Holy Bible say  
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ  
Was born on Christmas day

Chorus:

Hark, now hear the angels singing  
A newborn King today  
And man will live forevermore  
Because of Christmas day  
Trumpets sound and angels singing  
Listen to what they say  
That Man will live forevermore  
Because of Christmas day

2. While shepherds watch their flock by night  
Then see a bright new shining star  
Then hear a choir sing  
Her music seemed to come from afar

3. Now, Joseph and his wife, Mary  
Come to bethlehem that night  
Then find no place to born she child  
Not a single room was in sight

4. By and by, they find a little nook  
In a stable all forlorn  
And in a manger cold and dark  
Mary's little Boy was born

### **AWAY IN A MANGER**

1. Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep in the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes .  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky.  
And stay by the cradle till morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay,  
Close by me for ever and love me, I pray!  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And take us to heaven, to Live with Thee there.

### **THE HOLLY BEARS A BERRY (SANS DAY CAROL)**

Now the Holly bears a berry as white as the milk  
And Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk.

cho: And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour to be  
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.  
Holly, holly,  
And the first tree in the greenwood it was the holly.

Now the Holly bears a berry as green as the grass  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross.

Now the Holly bears a berry as black as the coal  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all.

Now the Holly bears a berry as blood is it red  
Then trust we our Saviour who rose from the dead

### **GOOD KING WENCESLAS**

1. Good King Wenceslas looked out,  
On the feast of Stephen,  
When the snow lay round about,  
Deep and crisp and even:  
Brightly shone the moon that night,  
Though the frost was cruel,  
When a poor man came in sight,  
Gathering winter fuel.

2. "Hither page and stand by me,  
If thou know'st it, telling,  
Yonder peasant, who is he,  
Where and what his dwelling?"  
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,  
Underneath the mountain,  
Right against the forest fence,  
By Saint Agnes' fountain.

3. "Bring me flesh and bring me wine,  
Bring me pine logs hither:  
Thou and I will see him dine,  
When we bear them thither."  
Page and monarch forth they went,  
Forth they went together;  
Though the rude winds wild lament,  
And the bitter weather.

4. "Sire, the night is darker now,  
And the wind blows stronger;  
Fails my heart, I know now how,  
I can go no longer."  
"Mark my footsteps, my good page;  
Tread thou in them boldly;  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage  
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

5. In his master's steps he trod,  
Where the snow lay dinted;  
Heat was in the very sod  
Which the saint had printed.  
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,  
Wealth or rank possessing,  
Ye who now will bless the poor,  
Shall yourselves find blessing.

### **I SAW THREE SHIPS**

1. I saw three ships come sailing in,  
On Christmas day (2x)  
I saw three ships come sailing in,  
On Christmas day in the morning.

2. And what was in those ships all three?

3. Our Saviour, Christ, and His Lady,

4. Pray, whither sailed those ships all three?

5. O, they sailed to Bethlehem,

6. And all the bells on earth shall ring,

7. And all the angels in heaven shall sing,

8. And all the souls on earth shall sing,

9. Then let us all rejoice and sing,

Merry Christmas

G C A D G Em CD G  
G D A7 D G Em CD G

Little Drummer

C C F C, C C F C  
G G G G, C Em Bb F  
F C C G C C F C  
G C ... G C ....

All through the night

C Am Dm G, F G C (2x)  
F Dm F Am G  
C Am Dm G, F G C

Mary's Boy Child

G C D G, G C D G  
G C D G Em Am D  
G C D G

Auld Lang Syne

G D G C, G D CD G  
C G D GC  
G D CD G (D)

Jingle Bells

G C D G, G C D G (D)  
G G G G C GA7 D  
G G G G C D G C

Deck the Halls

G G G G, C G D G (2x)  
D G Em, G Em A7 D  
G G G G, C G D G

Do you hear what I hear

C C C G (2x)  
C C F C (2x)  
C C C G (2x)  
C C F C (2x)  
Am Em F Em  
F G C (G) int: C C C G (2x)

Away in a manger

C C C7 F, F C Dm G  
C C C7 F, F C G C

Good King Wenceslas

C C Am G, F G C (2x)  
C C Am, F G C  
C C Am G C C F C

Cherry Tree Carol

C Am C G  
F C F E  
F C F G C

Twelve days of Christmas

C F G C  
G (6 upwards)  
C D G (5 gold rings)  
C (4 calling birds)  
F (3 French hens)  
G (2 turtle doves)  
C F G C

Rudolf

C .... G, G .... C (2x)  
F F C C G G C C  
G .... D.. G ...  
C ... G, G .... C

When a child is born

G D G  
G C Am  
Am D G  
Em G D G

Mary had a baby

C C F C (2x)  
C E F C, C C G C

Little town of Bethlehem

C C Am C F G C (2x)  
C C Am Em C Dm G  
C C Am C F G C