

Processional and Cross Songs

All in grades 5–8

Once in Royal David's City

Grades 5–8 (Solo)

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed.
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

Grades 5–8 (All)

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all.
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow.
In the bleak midwinter long ago.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what can I give him—give my heart.

Still, Still, Still

Still, still, still, thy heart with joy I'd fill.
I'd sing thee a song and watch by thy manger,
Guard thee from harm and keep thee from danger.
Still, still, still, thy heart with joy I'd fill.

Schlaf, schlaf, schlaf, mein liebes Kindlein schlaf!
Die Engel tun schön Musizieren,
Bei dem Kindelein jubelieren,
Schlaf, schlaf, schlaf, mein liebes Kindlein schlaf!

Still, still, still, within thy holy will.
To thee, great God, my voice I'd raise
With awe and wonder, sing thy praise.
Still, still, still, within thy holy will.

O Holy Night

O holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!

Torches

Torches, torches, run with torches
All the way to Bethlehem!
Christ is born and now lies sleeping:
Come and sing your song to him! *Repeat*

Ah, Ro-ro, Ro-ro my baby.
Ah, Ro-ro, my love, Ro-ro;
Sleep you well, my heart's own darling,
While we sing you our Ro-ro.

Sing, my friends, and make you merry,
Joy and mirth and joy again;
Lo, he lives, the King of heaven,
Now and evermore. Amen.

Christmas Eve Memory Schedule

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

All in grades 1-8

Grades 1–8 (All)

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain (All)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Grades 5–8 (All)

2. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer,
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death’s dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

Grades 5–8 (Small Group)

3. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

Grades 1-4 and Baritones with the congregation

4. O come, Desire of nations,
Bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
And fill the world with heaven’s peace. *Rejoice*

Grades 5–8 (Sopranos and Altos)

4. O come and bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
And fill the world with heaven’s peace. *Rejoice*

The Angel Gabriel

Grades 5–8 (All)

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, His eyes as flame;
“All hail,” said he, “Thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

Grades 5–8 (Small Group)

2. “For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy son shall be Emanuel, by seers foretold.
Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

Grades 5–8 (All)

3. Then gently Mary meekly bowed her head,
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,
“My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.”
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Grades 5-8 (Altos and Baritones)

4. Of her, Emanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Grades 5-8 (Sopranos)

4. Ah.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Grades 5–8 (Small Group)

1. Infant holy, infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing,
Bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!

Grades 5-8 (Altos and Baritones)

2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new.
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you!
Christ the child was born for you!

Grades 5–8 (Sopranos)

2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new.
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a Gospel true.
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!
Christ the child was born for you!
Christ the child was born for you!

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

All in Grades 5–8

1. The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compar'd with Christ the apple tree.

2. His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

3. For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought;
I miss'd of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

4. I'm weary with my former toil,
Here will I sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow will I be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Sussex Carol

Grades 5-8 (All)

1. On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring,
On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Grades 5-8 (All)

2. Then why should Christians be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
Then why should Christians be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

Grades 5-8 (Small Group)

3. When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place,
When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place,
Angels above with joy many sing,
All for to see the newborn King.

Grades 5-8 (All)

4. All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night,
All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God we sing again,
Now and forever more. Amen."

Silent Night, Holy Night

Grades 1–8 (Trebles)

1. 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.

Grades 5–8 (All), with the congregation

2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Grades 5–8 (All), with the congregation

3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Sing We Now of Christmas

Grades 5-8 (All)

1. Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.

Refrain

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Grades 5-8 (Sopranos and Baritones)

2. Angels called to shepherds, “Leave your flocks at rest;
Journey forth to Bethl’hem, find the child so blest.”

Refrain

Grades 5-8 (Altos)

2. Angels called to shepherds, “Leave your flocks at rest;
Journey forth to Bethl’hem, find the child so blest.”

Noel, noel; Noel, noel!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Grades 5-8 (Small Group)

3. In Bethlehem they found him, Joseph and Mary mild,
Seated by the manger, watching the holy child. *Refrain*

Grades 5-8 (Altos and Baritones)

4. From the eastern country, came the kings afar,
Bearing gifts to Bethl’em, guided by a star. *Refrain*

Grades 5-8 (Sopranos)

4. Ah. Sing we now, the King is born, Noel! Ah.

Grades 5-8 (Altos and Baritones)

5. Gold and myrrh they took there,
Gifts of greatest price;
There was ne’er a stable so like paradise.

Sing we Noel, the King is born Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Noel! Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Grades 5-8 (Sopranos)

5. Gold and myrrh, gifts of greatest price;
Ne’er a stable so like paradise.

Sing we now, the King is born, Noel!

Sing Noel, sing we now Noel!

Noel! Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

All children and congregation

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
Oh, come, ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him! Born the King of angels;
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all you citizens of heav’n above;
Glory to God in the highest;
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Away in a Manger

Grades 1–4

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay.
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Grades 1-8 (All) with the congregation

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

Grades 1-8 (All) with the congregation

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay.
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.