

Washington Revels Presents

THE CHRISTMAS REVELS

An American Celebration of the Winter Solstice



LYRICS and MUSIC

PART ONE

Call & Response: How Do You Do, Everybody?

All join in the responses "How do you do?"

Carol: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Carol: Lord of the Dance

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

PART TWO

Call & Response: There Are Angels Hovering 'Round

ALL SING, RESPONDING TO LEADER

There are angels hovering 'round, ...
To carry the tidings home, ...
Let all who hear them come, ...
And children too may come, ...
We're on our journey home, ...
There are angels hovering 'round, ...

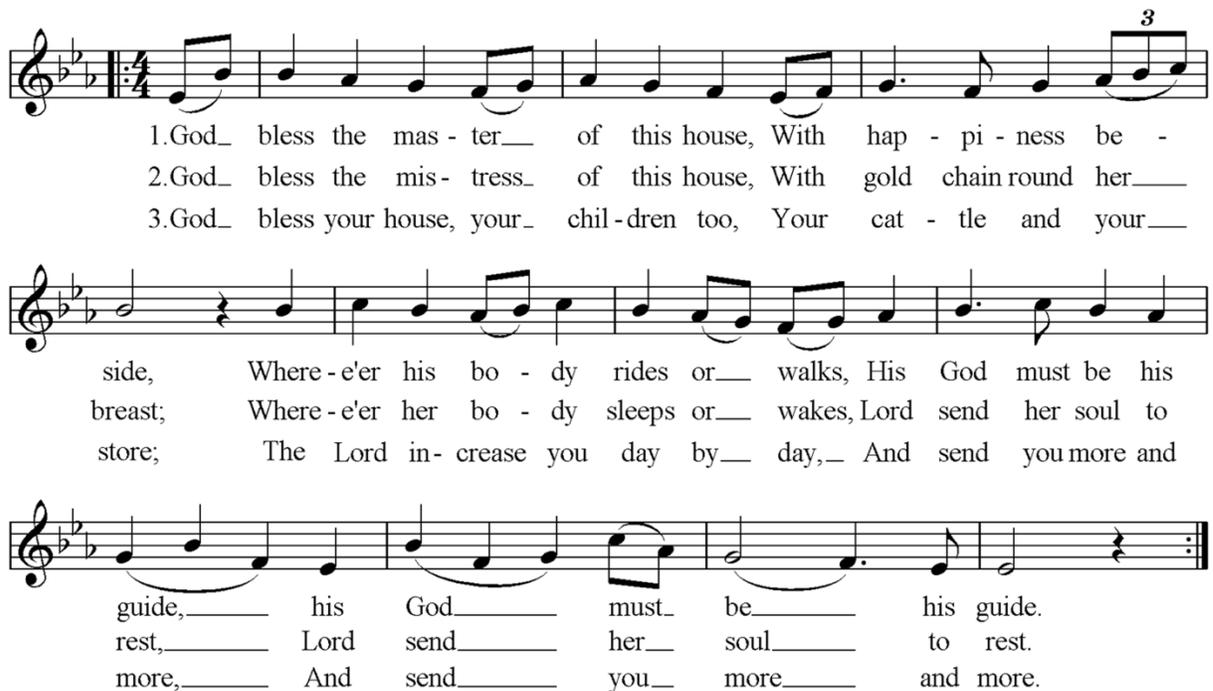
Carol: Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart
prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.

Carol: Up On the Housetop

Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't go,
Ho, ho, ho, who wouldn't go,
Up on the housetop, click, click, click (*snap fingers!*)
Down through the chimney with good St. Nick!

Carol: Sussex Mummers Carol



1. God_ bless the mas - ter_ of this house, With hap - pi - ness be -
2. God_ bless the mis - tress_ of this house, With gold chain round her____
3. God_ bless your house, your_ chil - dren too, Your cat - tle and your____

side, Where - e'er his bo - dy rides or_ walks, His God must be his
breast; Where - e'er her bo - dy sleeps or_ wakes, Lord send her soul to
store; The Lord in - crease you day by_ day, - And send you more and

guide, _____ his God _____ must_ be _____ his guide.
rest, _____ Lord send _____ her_ soul _____ to rest.
more, _____ And send _____ you_ more _____ and more.

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