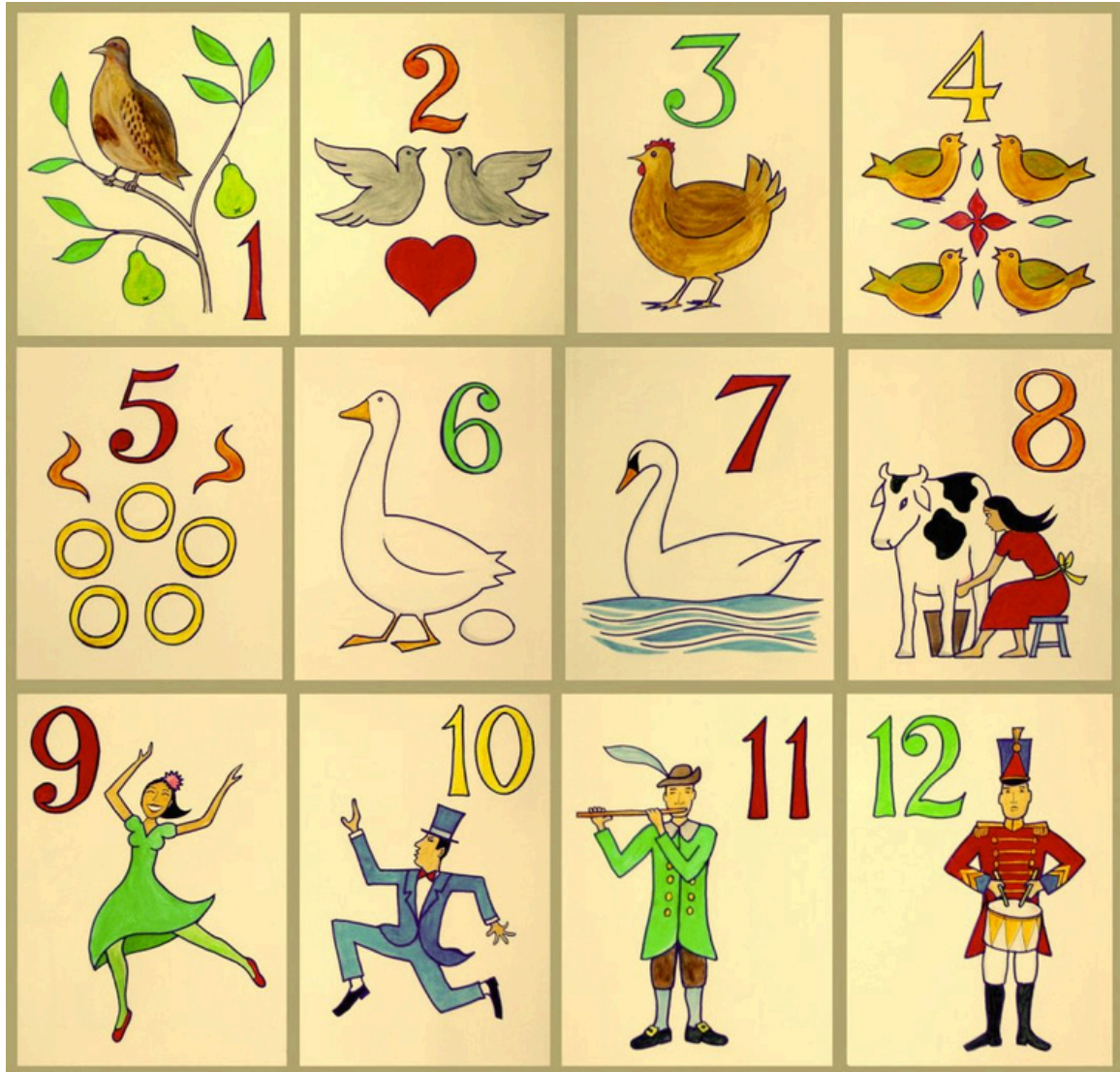




# Family Carols 2024



# 12 Days of Christmas







# Away in a Manger

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

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

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





# Ding Dong Merrily

Ding dong merrily on high  
In heav'n the bells are ringing  
Ding dong verily the sky  
Is riv'n with angels singing  
Glo-o-ria Hosanna in excelsis  
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis

E'en so here below, below  
Let steeple bells be swungen  
And i-o, i-o, i-o  
By priest and people sungen  
Glo.....

Pray you, dutifully prime  
Your matin chime, ye ringers  
May ye beautifully rhyme  
Your evetime song ye singers  
Glo.....





# Go Tell it on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.

## CHORUS

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo! Above the earth  
Rang out the angels' chorus  
That hailed the Saviour's birth.

## CHORUS

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
★ That blessed Christmas morn.






# God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r  
When we were gone astray  
O tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our Heavenly Father  
A blessed Angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by Name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

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 efface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy.







# Good King Wenceslas

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,  
Gath'ring winter fuel.

'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.'

'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,  
Through the rude wind's wild lament  
And the bitter weather.

'Sire, the night is darker now  
And the wind blows stronger;  
Fails my heart, I know not how,  
I can go no longer.'  
'Mark my footsteps, good my page,  
Tread thou in them boldly:  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage  
Freeze thy blood less coldly.'

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.





# Hark the Herald

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the new-born King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.”

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th’ angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.”

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the new-born King!”

Christ by highest heaven adored:

Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the favoured one.

Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;

Hail, the incarnate Deity:

Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,

Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the new-born King!”

Hail! the heaven-born Prince of peace!

Hail! the Son of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,

Risen with healing in his wings

Mild he lays his glory by,

Born that man no more may die:

Born to raise the sons of earth,

Born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the new-born King!”







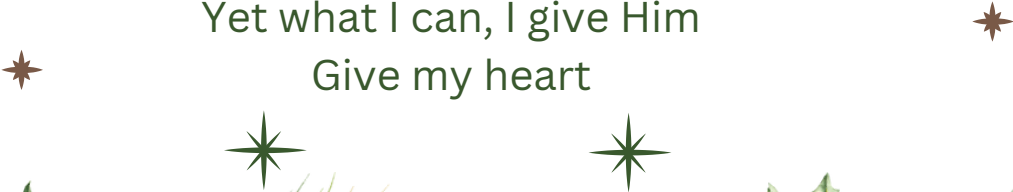
# In the Bleak Midwinter

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, long ago

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable-place sufficed  
Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ

Angels and archangels may have gathered there  
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air  
But only His mother in her maiden bliss  
Worshiped the Beloved  
With a kiss

What can I give Him  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part  
Yet what I can, I give Him  
Give my heart







# It was on a Starry Night

It was on a starry night  
When the hills were bright  
Earth lay sleeping  
Sleeping calm and still  
Then in a cattle shed,  
In a manger bed  
A boy was born  
King of all the world

And all the angels sang for him  
The bells of heaven rang for him  
For a boy was born  
King of all the world

Soon the shepherds came that way  
Where the baby lay  
And were kneeling, kneeling by his side  
And their hearts believed again  
For the peace of men  
For a boy was born  
King of all the world

And all the angels sang for him  
The bells of heaven rang for him  
For a boy was born  
King of all the world






# Jingle Bell Rock

Jingle-bell, jingle-bell, jingle-bell rock,  
Jingle-bell swing and jingle-bell ring.  
Snowin' and blowin' up bushels of fun,  
Now the jingle hop has begun.

Jingle-bell, jingle-bell, jingle-bell rock,  
Jingle-bells chime in jingle-bell time.  
Dancin' and prancin' in Jingle-bell Square,  
In the frosty air.

What a bright time, it's the right time  
To rock the night away.

Jingle-bell time is a swell time  
To go glidin' in a one horse sleigh.  
Giddy-up, jingle horse, pick up your feet,  
Jingle around the clock,  
Mix and mingle in a jinglin' beat,  
That's the jingle-bell, that's the jingle-bell,  
That's the jingle-bell rock!







# Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way  
Bells on bobtail ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
A sleighing song tonight





# Little Donkey

Little donkey, little donkey  
On the dusty road  
Got to keep on plodding onwards  
With your precious load  
Been a long time, little donkey  
through the winters night  
Don't give up now, little donkey  
Bethlehem's in sight.

Ring out those bells tonight  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem  
Follow that star tonight  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem

Little donkey, little donkey  
Had a heavy day  
Little donkey, carry Mary  
Safely on her way  
Little donkey, carry Mary  
Safely on her way



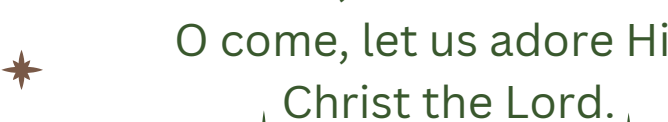


# O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of Angels;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

God of God, light of light,  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb  
Very God, begotten, not created;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

O Sing, choir of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy word.  
Give to our Father glory in the Highest;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.








# O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark street shineth  
The everlasting light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary  
and gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
and praises sing to God the King  
and Peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His Heaven  
No ear may hear His coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born to us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel.







# Once in Royal David's City

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.

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 Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love;  
For that Child so dear and gentle,  
Is our Lord in heaven above:  
And He leads His children on,  
To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see Him, but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high;  
when like stars His children crowned  
all in white shall wait around.





# 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 x2

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the Saviour is born! x2

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth x2





# Sweet Chiming Christmas Bells

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The Angel of the Lord came down,  
And Glory shone around.

Chorus:

Sweet bells, sweet chiming Christmas bells,  
Sweet bells, sweet chiming Christmas bells,  
They lead us on our heav'nly way, sweet chiming bells.  
They lead us on our heav'nly way, sweet chiming bells.

"Fear not" said he, for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled minds,  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.

To you in David's town this day,  
Is born of David's line;  
A Saviour who is Christ the Lord.  
And this shall be your sign."





# The Angel Gabriel

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 favoured lady  
Gloria!

For know a blessed mother thou shalt be  
All generations laud and honour thee  
My son shall be Emmanuel as seers foretold  
Most highly favoured lady  
Gloria!

Then gentle 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 favoured lady  
Gloria!

Of her Emmanuel, the Christ was born  
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn  
And everyone throughout the world will ever say  
Most highly favoured lady  
Gloria





# The First Noël

The First Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

They lookèd up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

Chorus

And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Chorus

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought  
And with his blood mankind has bought.

Chorus





# The Holly and the Ivy

The holly and the ivy  
when they are both full grown,  
of all the trees that are in the wood  
the holly bears the crown.

The rising of the sun  
and the running of the deer,  
the playing of the merry organ,  
sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom,  
white as the lily flower,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
to be our sweet Saviour.

Chorus

The holly bears a berry,  
as red as any blood,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
to do poor sinners good.

Chorus

The holly bears a prickle,  
as sharp as any thorn,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
on Christmas day in the morn.

Chorus

The holly bears a bark,  
as bitter as any gall,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
for to redeem us all.

Chorus

The holly and the ivy,  
when they are both full grown,  
of all the trees that are in the wood  
The holly bears the crown.

Chorus





# We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

Chorus:

*O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.

Chorus

Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshiping God on high.

Chorus

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Chorus

Glorious now behold him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies.

Chorus





# 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

We wish you a merry Christmas

And a happy New Year

Now bring us some figgy pudding...

And bring some out here!

Glad tidings...

We won't go until we've got some!...

So bring some out here!

Glad tidings....

We wish you a merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas

And a happy New Year





# When Santa Got Stuck up the Chimney

When Santa got stuck up the chimney,  
He began to shout.

You girls and boys, won't get any toys,  
If you don't pull me out.

My beard is black, There's soot in my sack.  
My nose is tickly too.

When Santa got stuck up the chimney,  
Aaachooo, achoo, achoo!

When Santa got stuck up the chimney  
He began to yell

Oh hurry please it's such a squeeze  
My sack is stuck as well

Oh dear oh dear it's cold up here  
And Rudolph's nose is blue

When Santa got stuck up the chimney  
Atchoo! Atchoo! Atchoo!





# White Christmas

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
Just like the ones I used to know  
Where the tree tops glisten  
And children listen  
To hear sleigh bells in the snow,

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
With every Christmas card I write  
May your days be merry and bright  
And may all your Christmas' be white

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And the children listen  
To hear sleigh bells in the snow

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May your days be merry and bright  
And may all your Christmas' be white  
May your days be merry and bright....  
And may all your Christmas' be white.






# Winter Wonderland

Over the ground lies a mantle of white,  
A heaven of diamonds shine down thro' the night,  
Two hearts are thrillin'  
in spite of the chill in the weather.

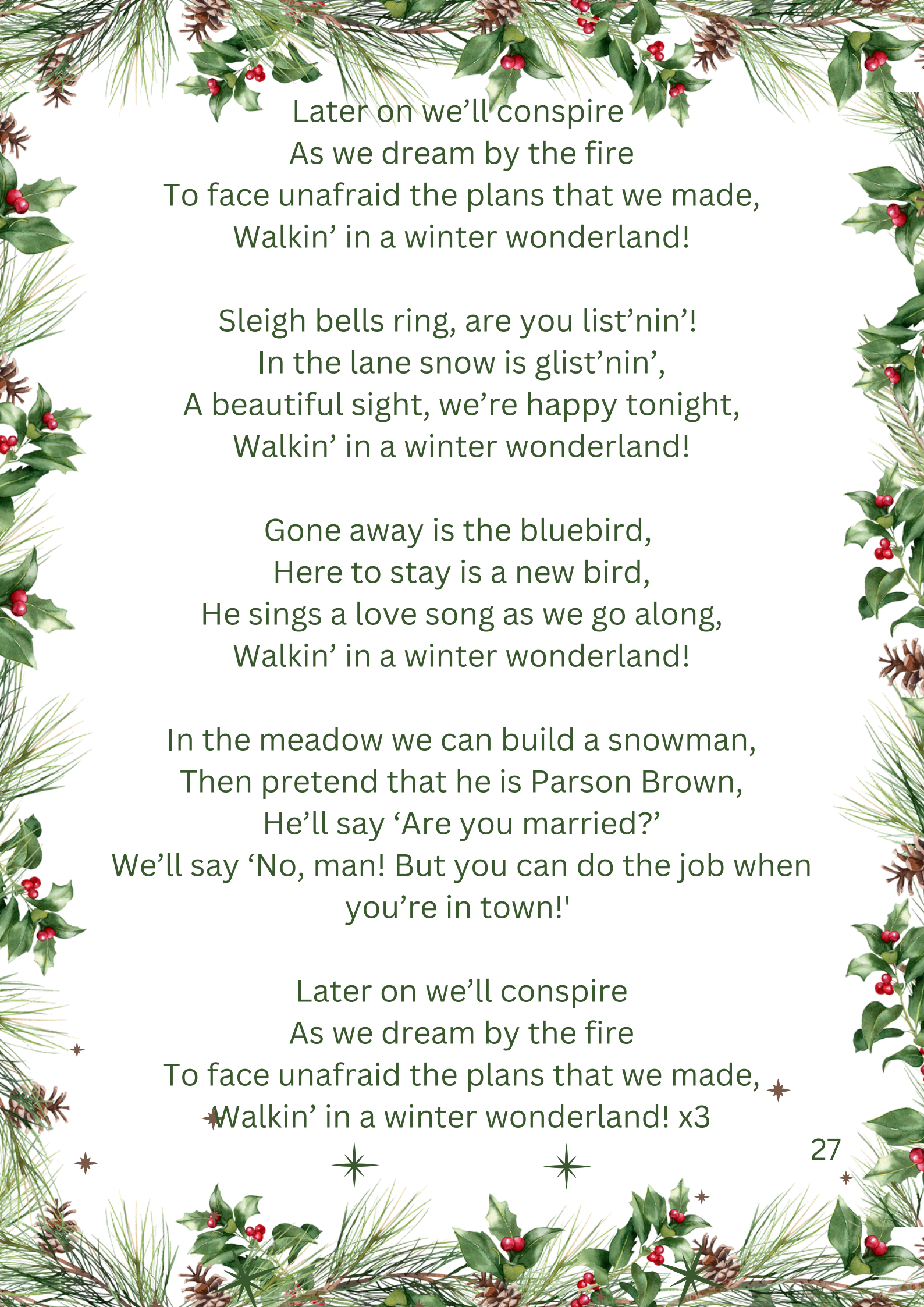
Love knows no season, love knows no clime,  
Romance can blossom any old time,  
Here in the open,  
We're walkin' and hopin' together!

Sleigh bells ring, are you list'nin'!  
In the lane snow is glist'nin',  
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight,  
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!  
Gone away is the bluebird,  
Here to stay is a new bird,  
He sings a love song as we go along,  
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!

In the meadow we can build a snowman,  
Then pretend that he is Parson Brown,  
He'll say 'Are you married?'  
We'll say 'No, man!  
But you can do the job when you're in town!'







Later on we'll conspire  
As we dream by the fire  
To face unafraid the plans that we made,  
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!

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A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight,  
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!

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Walkin' in a winter wonderland! x3