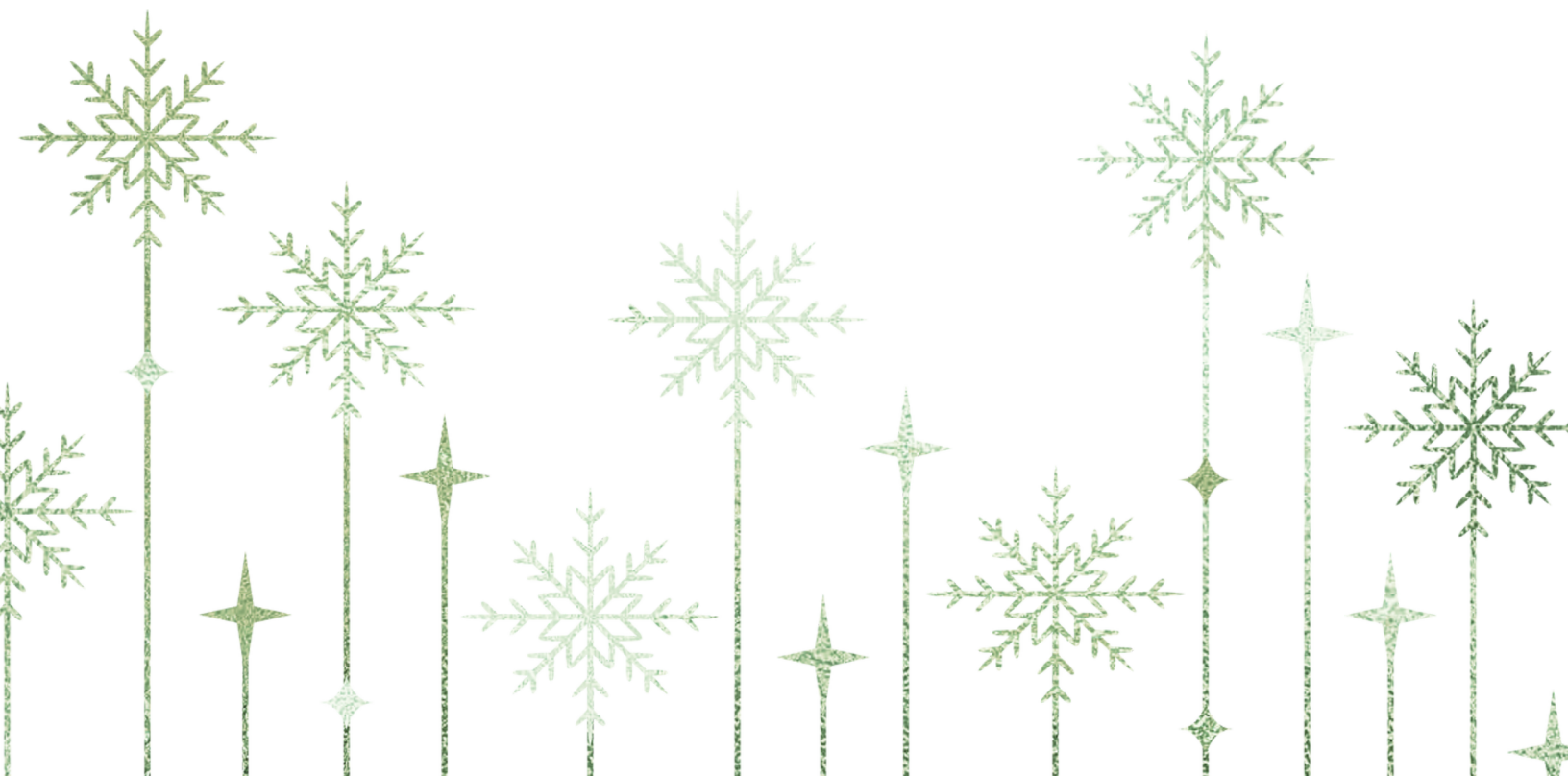
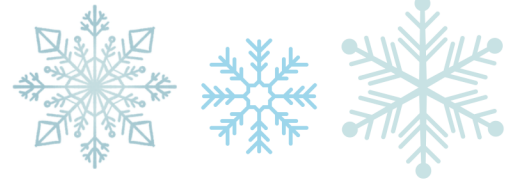




Yuletide Carols

Winter Songs for
Witches & Heathens



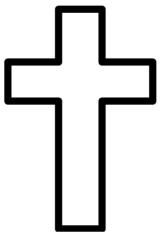


Original Pagan Carols

Unique Music and Lyrics

- The Christians and the Pagans
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The Christians & The Pagans

Dar Williams



Amber called her uncle, said "we're up here for the holiday
Jane and I were having Solstice, now we need a place to stay."

And her Christ-loving uncle watched his wife hang Mary on a tree
He watched his son hang candy canes all made with red dye number three
He told his niece, "It's Christmas Eve, I know our life is not your style."
She said "Christmas is like Solstice and we miss you and it's been a while."

*So the Christians and the Pagans sat together at the table
Finding faith and common ground the best that they were able
And just before the meal was served hands were held and prayers were said
Sending hope for peace on earth to all their gods and goddesses*

The food was great, the tree plugged in, the meal had gone without a hitch
Till Timmy turned to Amber and said "is it true that you're a witch ?"
His mom jumped up and said "the pies are burning" and she hit the kitchen
And it was Jane who spoke, she said "it's true your cousin's not a Christian
But we love trees, we love the snow, the friends we have, the world we
share

And you find magic from your God and we find magic everywhere."

*So the Christians and the Pagans sat together at the table
Finding faith and common ground the best that they were able
And where does magic come from ? I think magic's in the learning
Cause now when Christians sit with Pagans only pumpkin pies are burning*

When Amber tried to do the dishes, her aunt said "really, no don't bother"
Amber's uncle saw how Amber looked like Tim and like her father
He thought about his brother, how they hadn't spoken in a year
He thought he'd call him up and say "it's Christmas and your daughter's
here"

He thought of fathers, sons and brothers, saw his own son tug his sleeve
Saying "can I be a pagan ?" Dad said "we'll discuss it when they leave"

*So the Christians and the Pagans sat together at the table
Finding faith and common ground the best that they were able
Lighting trees in darkness, learning new ways from the old
And making sense of history and drawing warmth out of the cold*

Longest Night

Howie Day

Is it dark, where you are?
Can you count the stars where you are?
Do you feel like you are a thousand miles from home?

Are you lost, where you are?
Can you find your way when you're so far?
Do you fear, where you are?
A thousand nights alone

So here we are set into motion
We'll steal a car and crash in the ocean
You and I, caught in a fading light
On the longest night

It's enough, just to find love
It's the only thing to be sure of
So hard, to let go of
A thousand times or more
I was close to a fault line
Heaven knows, you showed up in time
Was it real?
Now I feel, like I'm never coming down

So here we are, set into motion
Steal a car, crash in the ocean
You and I, caught in a fading light
On the longest night

I recall when we were together
Even now it seems like forever
So alive caught in a fading light
On the longest night

Can we go too far to find, what is waiting here?
A little fall from grace
On the longest night

Did we go too far to find, what is waiting here?
We'll take a little time, to open again

Is it dark where you are?
Can you count the stars where you are?

"Once Upon A December"

(from "Anastasia" soundtrack)

Dancing bears, painted wings
Things I almost remember
And a song someone sings
Once upon a December

Someone holds me safe and warm
Horses prance through a silver storm
Figures dancing gracefully
Across my memory

Far away, long ago
Glowing dim as an ember
Things my heart used to know
Once upon a December

Someone holds me safe and warm
Horses prance through a silver storm
Figures dancing gracefully
Across my memory

Far away, long ago
Glowing dim as an ember
Things my heart used to know
Things it yearns to remember

And a song someone sings
Once upon a December



Here We Come a Wassailing

part 1

Verse 1

Here we come a-wassailing
Among the leaves so green,
and here we come a-wand'ring
so fair to be seen



Love and joy come to you,
and to you your wassail too,
and Gods bless you and
send you a happy New Year,

And Gods send you a happy New Year

Verse 2

We are not daily beggers
who beg from door to door,
but we are neighbors' children
whom you have seen before

Love and joy come to you,
and to you your wassail too,
and Gods bless you and
send you a happy New Year,

And Gods send you a happy New Year

Verse 3

Good master and good mistress,
as you sit beside the fire,
pray think of us poor children

Who wander in the mire

Love and joy come to you,
and to you your wassail too,
and God bless you and

send you a happy New Year,
And God send you a happy New Year

Verse 4

Gods bless the master of this house
and over all he reigns,
and all the little children
who'll sing for us again

Love and joy come to you,

And to you your wassail, too,

And Gods bless you, and send you

A Happy New Year,

And Gods send you a Happy New Year



Song For A Winter's Night

The lamp is burnin' low upon my table top
The snow is softly fallin'
The air is still within the silence of my room
I hear your voice softly callin'

If I could only have you near
To breathe a sigh or two
I would be happy just to hold the hands I love
Upon this winter night with you

The smoke is rising in the shadows overhead
My glass is almost empty
I read again between the lines upon the page
The words of love you sent me

If I could know within my heart
That you were lonely too
I would be happy just to hold the hands I love
Upon this winter night with you

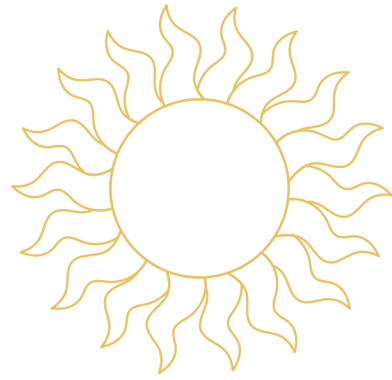
The fire is dying now, my lamp is growing dim
The shades of night are liftin'
The mornin' light steals across my windowpane
Where webs of snow are driftin'

If I could only have you near
To breathe a sigh or two
I would be happy just to hold the hands I love
And to be once again with with you
To be once again with with you



On Midwinter's Day

Now that Samhain is over,
And the Sidhe have returned to their home,
The dead have followed the Raven's song,
And no longer among us they roam.
The wisdom of our ancient past,
Show us how to ride the storm,
For their tombs they swallow the rising sun,
And the Mabon is always reborn.



(Chorus)

**So come all you people, come and sing with me,
Join our voices, and sing the long nights away,
All over the land, a chorus of voices will sing,
For the rising Sun on Midwinter's Day.**

The land may be barren and lifeless,
The ground may be frozen and hard,
And the rain that fell has now turned to ice,
The Winter is showing her card,
But now the Sun king has rested,
And his eyes have turned to the Earth,
For three days the Sun has been still in the sky,
But the time has now come for his birth.

(Chorus)

Some say Jesus was born today,
Some say he is the Mabon,
Some say that he is the Son of God,
And others the Son of the Sun,
Others they listen in the woodland,
For the call of Herne,
Others they hear the clash of swords,
For the Oak King will return!

(Chorus)



By Wyrđ Sisters

Solstice Carole



A Fire is burning
The long night draws near
All who need comfort
Are welcome by here
We'll dance 'neath the stars
And toast the past year
For the spirit of solstice Is still living here

We'll count all our blessings
While the mother lays down
With the snow as her blanket
Covering the ground
Thanks to the mother
For the life that she bring
She'll waken to warm us
Again in the spring

The poor and the hungry
The sick and the lost
These are our children
No matter the cost
Come by the fire
The harvest to share
For the spirit of solstice Is still living here

A Fire is burning
The long night draws near
All who need comfort
Are welcome by here
We'll dance 'neath the stars
And toast the past year
For the spirit of solstice Is still living here
The spirit of solstice Is still living here





Yuletide Comes

by Flora Ware



Yuletide comes, the old year dies
our peaceful hearts are yearning
In the deep dark winter's night
the Solstice fire is burning

Celebrate the Winter Lord,
Merry Holly King
A bonny wreath upon our door
to welcome Joy within

Yuletide comes, the old year dies
our peaceful hearts are yearning
In the deep dark winter's night
the Solstice fire is burning

Celebrate the Winter Lord,
Merry Holly King
*A bonny wreath upon our door
to welcome Joy within*
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Carrie Bastian & Mike Lemieux

'Turning 'Toward the Light

part 1

(Be Still and Know')

In this darkest hour, be still.
In this darkest, be still and know.
Be still and know the calling of your heart;
know a new dream soon will start.

In this darkest hour be still,
and feel the Earth dance around our star,
and each star spiraling in space.
Feel the still point at the center of it all,
As we spin with tranquil grace.



And the Solstice candles gently glow and spark
on this longest night;
we wait in stillness in the dark,
yet we're turning, turning toward the light.

On this longest night, be still.
On this longest night, be still and know,
be still and know the journey may be long:
know that we will carry on.

On this longest night be still
and feel the Earth dance around our star,
and each star spiraling in space.
Feel the still point at the center of it all,
as we spin with tranquil grace.

Carrie Bastian & Mike Lemieux

'Turning' Toward the Light

(Be Still and Know') part 2

And the Solstice candles gently glow and spark
on this longest night;
we wait in stillness in the dark,
yet we're turning,
turning toward the light.

Under the gleam of a Winter moon,
we gather to sing a holy tune,
to join in the dance, the dance of the spheres,
as we circle from year to year.

In this mystery, be still.
In this mystery. be still and know
be still and know,
know the peace that dwells inside;
know that joy and love abide.



In this mystery, be still
and feel the earth dance around our star,
and the star spiraling in space.
Feel the still point at the center of it all,
as we spin with gentle grace.

And the Solstice candles gently glow and spark
on this longest night
we wait in stillness in the dark,
yet we're turning,
turning toward the light!




DARK OF WINTER

Words and music by Shelley Jackson Denham

Dark of winter, soft and still,
your quiet calm surrounds me.
Let my thoughts go where they will;
ease my mind profoundly.
And then my soul will sing a song,
a blessed song of love eternal.
Gentle darkness, soft and still,
bring your quiet to me.

Darkness, soothe my weary eyes,
that I may see more clearly.
When my heart with sorrow cries,
comfort and caress me.
And then my soul may hear a voice,
a still, small voice of love eternal.
Darkness, when my fears arise,
let your peace flow through me.





Non-Christian Holiday Favorites

- Frosty the snowman
- Santa Claus is Coming to Town
- Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
- Marshmallow World
- I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas
- Deck the Hall
- Jingle Bells
- We wish you the Merriest
- Over the River & Through the Woods
- Let it snow
- Silver Bells



Frosty the Snowman

Verse 1

Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul,
With a corncob pipe and a button nose
and two eyes made out of coal.

Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale, they say,
He was made of snow but the children
know how he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in that
old silk hat they found.

For when they placed it on his head
he began to dance around.

O, Frosty the snowman
was alive as he could be,
And the children say he could laugh
and play just the same as you and me.

*Thumpetty thump thump,
thumpety thump thump,
Look at Frosty go.*

*Thumpetty thump thump,
thumpety thump thump,
Over the hills of snow.*



Verse 2

Frosty the snowman knew
the sun was hot that day,
So he said, "Let's run and
we'll have some fun now before I melt away."

Down to the village,
with a broomstick in his hand,
Running here and there all
around the square saying,
Catch me if you can.

He led them down the streets of town
right to the traffic cop.

And he only paused a moment when
he heard him holler "Stop!"

For Frosty the snow man had to hurry on his way,
But he waved goodbye saying, "Don't you cry,
I'll be back again some day."

*Thumpetty thump thump,
thumpety thump thump,
Look at Frosty go.*

*Thumpetty thump thump,
thumpety thump thump,
Over the hills of snow*

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

You better watch out

You better not cry

Better not pout

I'm telling you why

Santa Claus is coming to town

He's making a list

And checking it twice;

He's gonna find out

Who's naughty and nice

Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping

He knows when you're awake

He knows if you've been bad or good

So be good for goodness sake!

Oh! You better watch out!

You better not cry

Better not pout

I'm telling you why

Santa Claus is coming to town

Santa Claus is coming to town



Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose.

And if you ever saw him,
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 all the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee,
"Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer,
you'll go down in history!"



A Marshmallow World

Song by Dean Martin



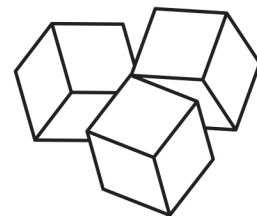
It's a marshmallow world in the winter
When the snow comes to cover the ground
It's time for play, it's a whipped cream day
I wait for it the whole year 'round

Those are marshmallow clouds being friendly
In the arms of the evergreen trees
And the sun is red, like a pumpkin head
It's shining so your nose won't freeze

Oh, the world is your snowball, see how it grows
That's how it goes, whenever it snows
The world is your snowball just for a song
Get out and roll it along

Oh, it's a yum-yummy world made for sweethearts
Take a walk with your favorite girl
It's a sugar date, what if spring is late
In winter it's a marshmallow world

(Repeat)



I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
Only a hippopotamus will do
I don't want a doll, no dinky Tinkertoy
I want a hippopotamus to play with and enjoy

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
I don't think Santa Claus will mind, do you?
He won't have to use our dirty chimney flue
Just bring him through the front door
That's the easy thing to do

I can see me now on Christmas morning
Creeping down the stairs
Oh, what joy and what surprise
When I open up my eyes
To see my hippo hero standing there

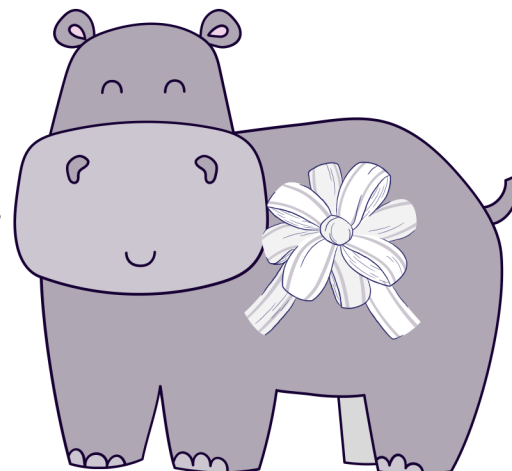
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
Only a hippopotamus will do
No crocodiles, or rhinoceroses
I only like hippopotamuses
And hippopotamuses like me too

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
A hippopotamus is all I want
Mom says the hippo would eat me up
But then teacher says a hippo is a vegetarian

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
The kind I saw this summer at the zoo
There's lots of room for him in our two car garage
I'd feed him there and wash him there
And give him his massage

I can see me now on Christmas morning
Creeping down the stairs
Oh, what joy and what surprise
When I open up my eyes
To see my hippo hero standing there

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
Only a hippopotamus will do
No crocodiles, or rhinoceroses
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And hippopotamuses like me too



Deck The Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
'Tis the season to be jolly
Fa-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 Yule-tide carol
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

See the blazing Yule before us
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Strike the harp and join the chorus
Fa-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 Yule-tide treasure
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Fast away the old year passes
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Hail the new year, 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
Heedless of the wind and weather
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-lat





Jingle Bells



Verse 1

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

*Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh*

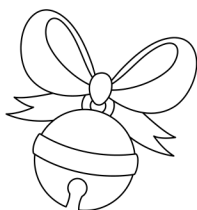


Verse 2

A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride
And soon Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side
The horse was lean and lank
Misfortune seemed his lot
He got into a drifted bank
And we, we got upsot

*Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh yeah*

*Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh*



We Wish You the Merriest

We wish you the merriest, the merriest, the merriest, the merriest New Year



We wish you the merriest, the merriest
The merriest, yes the merriest
We wish you the merriest, the merriest
The merriest Yule cheer
We wish you the happiest, the happiest
The happiest, yes the happiest
We wish you the happiest, the happiest (the happiest)
The happiest New Year



May your tree be filled with happiness
Happiness and friendliness for all
May your heart be filled with cheerfulness
Happiness and cheerfulness for all

We wish you the happiest, the happiest (oh, the happiest, the happiest)
Happiest, yes the happiest (the happiest, the happiest, the happiest)

We wish you the merriest, the merriest
The merriest Yule cheer
And the happiest New Year



We wish you the merriest, the merriest
The merriest, oh yes the merriest
We wish you the merriest, the merriest
The merriest Yule cheer



We wish you the happiest, the happiest (the happiest)
The happiest, yes the happiest (ohh, the happiest)
We wish you the happiest, the happiest
The happiest New Year



May your tree be filled with happiness
Happiness and friendliness for all
May your heart be filled with cheerfulness
With happiness and cheerfulness and friendliness for all

We wish you the happiest, the happiest
The happiest (yes the happiest)
We wish you the merriest, the merriest
The merriest Yule cheer
And the happiest (I said the friendliest)
And the cheeriest (we mean the merriest)
New Year
New Year

Over the river & through the woods

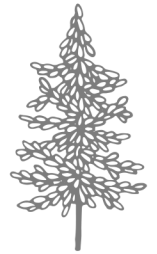
Over the river and through the woods,
To grandmother's house we go;
The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh,
Through (the) white and drifted snow!



Over the river and through the woods,
Oh, how the wind does blow!
It stings the toes and bites the nose,
As over the ground we go.



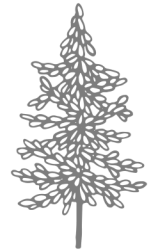
Over the river and through the woods,
To have a first-rate play;
Oh, hear the bells ring, "Ting-a-ling-ling!"
Hurrah for Thanksgiving Day!



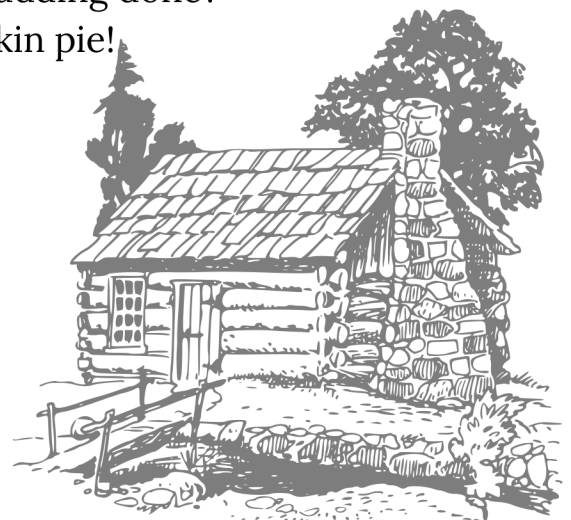
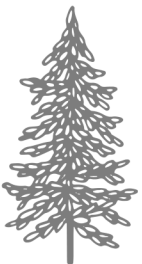
Over the river and through the woods,
Trot fast, my dapple gray!
Spring over the ground,
Like a hunting hound!
For this is Thanksgiving Day.



Over the river and through the woods,
And straight through the barnyard gate.
We seem to go extremely slow
It is so hard to wait!



Over the river and through the woods,
Now Grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun! Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!



Let it Snow

Oh the weather outside is frightful
But the fire is so delightful
And since we've no place to go
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

It doesn't show signs of stopping
And I've bought some corn for popping
The lights are turned way down low
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

When we finally kiss good night
How I'll hate going out in the storm!
But if you'll really hold me tight
All the way home I'll be warm

The fire is slowly dying
And, my dear, we're still goodbying
But as long as you love me so
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

Silver Bells

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks.

Dressed in holiday style

In the air

There's a feeling
of Christmas

Children laughing

People passing

Meeting smile after smile

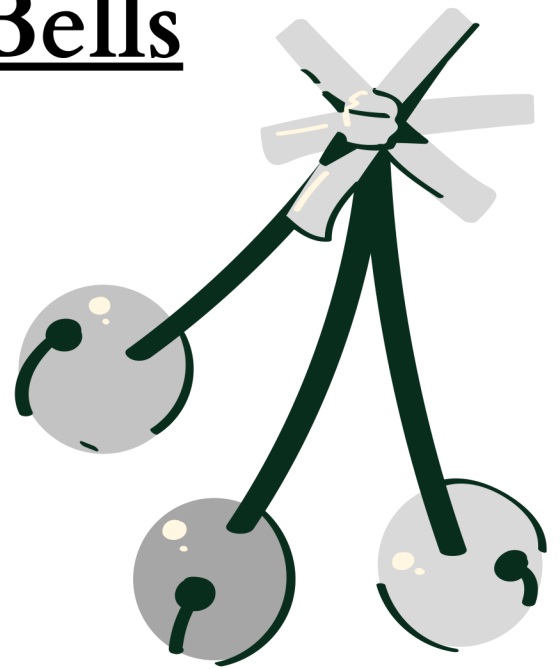
and on every street corner you'll hear

Silver bells, silver bells

It's Christmas time in the city

Ring-a-ling, hear them sing

Soon it will be Christmas day



Strings of street lights

Even stop lights

Blink a bright red and green

As the shoppers rush
home with their treasures

Hear the snow crunch

See the kids bunch

This is Santa's big scene

And above all this bustle

You'll hear

Silver bells, silver bells

It's Christmas time in the city

Ring-a-ling, hear them sing

Soon it will be Christmas day



Pagan Covers

Popular songs with adapted Pagan lyrics

- For Mothers' Night
 - Tune of Silent Night
- Gods rest you Merry Pagan folk
 - Tune of God's rest you merry gentlemen
- Solar Carol -
 - Tune of Angels we have Heard on High
- White Solstice
 - Tune White Christmas
- The Holly and the Ivy
 - Adapted version
- We wish you a Happy Solstice
 - Adapted version of We wish you a Merry Christmas



- The Little Swallow (Shchedryk)
 - The original folk song that inspired
Carol of the Bells & some of the history

By Rev. Marie Durkan

FOR MOTHER'S NIGHT

Tune of Silent Night



Peaceful night, Mothers Night
Beloved women, shining bright
Heartbeat to heartbeat, an unbroken song
Wisdom given and love passed on
Guide our way, help us grow
Guide our way, help us grow.

Wonderous night, Mothers Night
Seen and unseen, guiding lights
Mortal, immortal we honor you here
For your journeys, your laughter, your tears
Praise our blessed Disir
Praise our blessed Disir.

Silent Night Holy Night
All is calm, all is bright
Lives made beautiful through your deeds,
Hands that worked to fulfil others' needs
Mothers Dear fill this space
And bless us all with your grace.



Gods Rest ye Merry, Paganfolk

Tune of God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen

Gods rest ye merry Pagan folk
Let nothing you dismay
Remember that the Sun returns
Upon this Solstice Day!
The growing dark is ended now
And Spring is on its way

O, tidings of comfort and joy!

Comfort and joy!

O, tidings of comfort and joy!

The winter's worst still lies ahead
Fierce tempest, snow and rain!
Beneath the blanket on the ground
The spark of life remains!
The Sun's warm rays caress the seeds
To raise Life's songs again!

O, tidings of comfort and joy!

Comfort and joy!

O, tidings of comfort and joy!

Within the blessed apple lies
The promise of the Queen
For from this pentacle shall rise
The orchards fresh and green
The Earth shall blossom once again
The air be sweet and clean!

O, tidings of comfort and joy!

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By Adam Austill, Court Dorsey, Charlie King, Marcia Taylor

SOLAR CAROL

Tune of Angels we have Heard on High

See the sun how bright it shines, on the nations of the earth
All who share this thing called life celebrate each day's rebirth

(chorus)

So-o-o-o-lar power, inexpensive energy
So-o-o-o-lar power, inexpensive energy

Brother river so your hear how the valley calls you down
Send your rushing waters near, let the joyful hills resound

(chorus)

So-o-o-o-lar power, inexpensive energy
So-o-o-o-lar power, inexpensive energy

Sister wind we've heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plain
And the windmills in reply echoing their glad refrain

How we love complexity when the answer's rather plain
Join the sun in jubilee, sing with us this joyous strain



Adaptation by Cori Greyhawk

WHITE SOLSTICE



Tune of White Christmas

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

I said, I'm dreaming of a clear Solstice
With every Yuletide fire I light
May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Solstice be white



The Holly and the Ivy

Adapted by Karen Deal Robinson



Oh the holly and the ivy,
Now they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood
The holly bears the crown.

*Oh the rising of the sun,
The running of the deer.
All merry folk arise and sing
To greet the dawning year.*

Oh the holly bears a berry
As red as any blood,
And the ivy grows beneath the snows
That blanket all the wood.

*Oh the rising of the sun,
The running of the deer.
All merry folk arise and sing
To greet the dawning year.*

Oh the holly bears a blossom
As white as any flower,
And the ivy turns the winter wood
To a green and leafy bower.

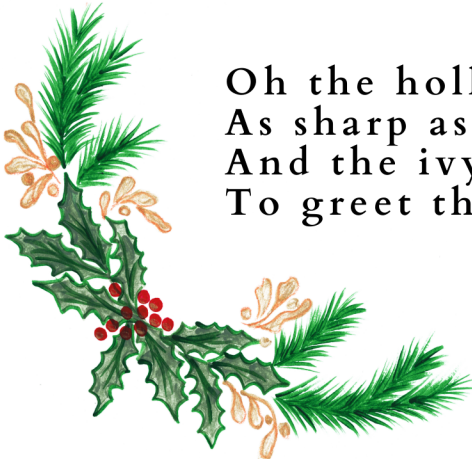
*Oh the rising of the sun,
The running of the deer.
All merry folk arise and sing
To greet the dawning year.*

Oh the holly bears a bark
Bitter as any gall,
And the ivy leaves are shaped like stars
In the skies above us all.

*Oh the rising of the sun,
The running of the deer.
All merry folk arise and sing
To greet the dawning year.*

Oh the holly bears a prickle
As sharp as any thorn,
And the ivy climbs on hills and towers
To greet the Yuletide morn.

*Oh the rising of the sun,
The running of the deer.
All merry folk arise and sing
To greet the dawning year.*





WE WISH YOU A HAPPY SOLSTICE

Tune of "We Wish You A Merry Christmas!"

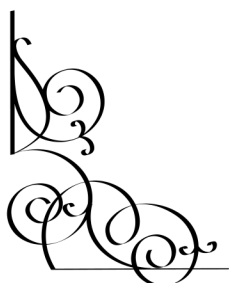
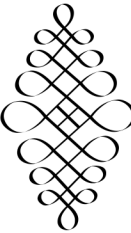
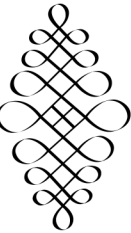
We wish you a happy Solstice
We wish you a happy Solstice
We wish you a happy Solstice
And a night of Good Cheer
Season's Greetings we bring
To all far and near
We wish you a happy Solstice
And a night of Good Cheer!!!





THE LITTLE SWALLOW (SHCHEDRYK)

Shchedryk, shchedryk, shchedrivochka
Here flew the swallow from afar
Started to sing lively and loud
Asking the master to come out
Come here, oh come, master – it's time
In the sheepfold wonders to find
Your lovely sheep have given birth
To little lambs of great worth
All of your wares are very fine
Coin you will have in a big pile
All of your wares are very fine
Coin you will have in a big pile
You have a wife Fair as a dove
If not the coin, then the chaff
You have a wife fair as a dove



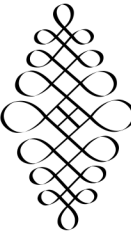
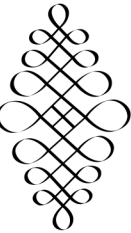


THE LITTLE SWALLOW (SHCHEDRYK)

The origin story for Carol of the Bells

“Shchedryk” was arranged by Ukrainian composer Mykola Leontovych at the beginning of the 20th century.

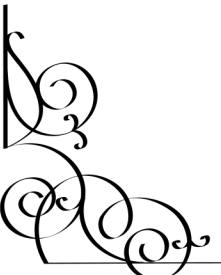
The song is based on the traditional Ukrainian folk chant welcoming the New Year (“shchedrivka”).



In 1921, the Ukrainian National Chorus sung the song in the United States to a sold-out audience at Carnegie Hall.

Later, Peter J. Wilhousky rearranged the melody for orchestra and wrote the new lyrics in English thus creating “Carol of the Bells”.

The original “Shchedryk” by Leontovych was intended to be sung a cappella by mixed four-voice choir.



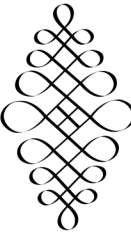
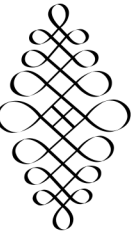


THE LITTLE SWALLOW (SHCHEDRYK)

This is a poetic translation of the **original** lyrics for Carol of the Bells
Translation by Bob Chilcott

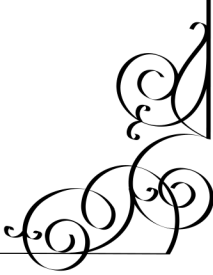
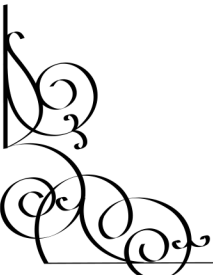
Happy New Year, season of cheer
High in the sky, swallows fly
Out of the blue, one of them flew

Down from the sky, calling to you
"Master come out, come out and be
Thankful for all you can see



Ewes in the field rolling away
Lambs at their side happy at play
All that is good, all that is health
Brings you your joy, brings you your wealth
All that is good, all that is health
Brings you your joy, brings you your wealth

But, most of all, standing there
Your wife with the raven hair
But, most of all, standing there
Your wife with the raven hair

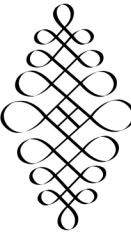
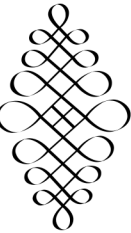




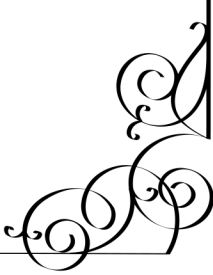
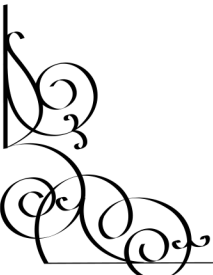
CAROL OF THE BELLS

(SOLSTICE VERSION)

Hark! how the bells
Sweet silver bells
All seem to say
'throw cares away.'
Solstics is here
Bringing good cheer
To young and old
Meek and the bold
Ding, dong, ding, dong
That is their song
With joyful ring
All caroling
One seems to hear
Words of good cheer
From ev'rywhere
Filling the air
Oh how they pound
Raising the sound
O'er hill and dale
Telling their tale
Gaily they ring
While people sing
Songs of good cheer
Solstice is here



Merry, merry, merry, merry Solstice
Merry, merry, merry, merry Solstice
On, on they send
On without end
Their joyful tone
To ev'ry home





Heathen's
Heart
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