

Christmas Eve 2021

Songs for Grades 5–8

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 jubilierten,
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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Text in red is for solo/small group
and does not need to be memorized
by everyone

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Grades 5–8 (Small Group)

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.

Grades 5–8 (All)

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Grades 5–8 (All)

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard, its vanguard on the way,
The Light of light, descending,
From the realms the Light of light, descending,
The pow'rs of hell, the pow'rs to vanquish,
As the darkness clear away.

Grades 5–8 (All)

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry, with ceaseless:
“Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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.

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

Grades 1-8 (Small group)

1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low,
Make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!

Grades 5-8 (All)

2. O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish,
like grass our works decay,
The pow'r and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.

Grades 5-8 (All)

3. But the word of our God endureth,
the arm of the Lord is strong;
He stands in the midst of nations,
and he will right the wrong.
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,
the lambs he'll gently hold;
To pastures of peace he'll lead them,
and bring them safe to his fold.

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.

On This Day Earth Shall Ring!

Grades 1-8

1. On this day earth shall ring,
With the song children sing
To the Lord, Christ our King,
Born on earth to save us;
him the Father gave us.

Refrain:

*Ideo..o..o, Ideo..o..o,
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Grades 5-8 (All)

2. His the doom, ours the mirth:
When he came down to earth
Bethlehem saw his birth;
Ox and ass beside him
from the cold would hide him.

1-8 sings *Refrain*

Grades 5-8 (Small group)

3. God's bright star, o'er his head,
Wise Men three to him led;
Kneel they low by his bed,
Lay their gifts before him,
praise him and adore him.

1-8 sings *Refrain*

Grades 1-8

4. On this day angels sing;
With their song earth shall ring,
Praising Christ, heaven's King,
Born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us.

Refrain

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Grades 1-4, 5-8 (sopranos)

1. 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 streets shineth the everlasting Light:
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Grades 5-8 (altos)

2. 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 all on earth!

Grades 5-8 (All)

3. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today,
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!
Our Lord, God, Emmanuel!

Carol of the Children

Grades 5-8 (All)

1. One for the star in the sky over Bethlehem;
Two for the hands that will rock him to sleep;
Three for the kings bringing gold, bringing myrrh,
bringing incense;
Four for the angels that watch over his bedside.

2. Blue for the robe of the sweet Virgin Mary;
White for the dawn of the first Christmas Day;
Red for the blood that he shed for us all on Good Friday;
Black for the tomb where he rested till Easter.

3. Lullaby! See Jesus asleep;
Angels and shepherds their watch on him keep:
Lullaby! He soon will awake,
For the oxen are stirring and morning will break.

Repeat verse 1

4. And one for the heart, one for the heart,
one for the heart that I give as my off'ring to Jesus.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Grades 5–8 (All)

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: News, news!
Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow,
And he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Grades 5–8 (All)

2. Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy, joy!
Jesus, Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
And we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Grades 5–8 (All)

3. Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need now fear the grave: Peace, peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Grades 5-8 (Solo/Small Group)

1. O Beautiful star of Bethlehem
Shining far through shadows dim
Giving the light for those who long have gone.
Guiding the wise men on their way
Unto the place where Jesus lay
O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on.

Grades 5–8 (Small Group)

2. O Beautiful Star, the hope of life,
Guiding the pilgrims through the night
Over the mountains til the break of dawn,
Into the land of perfect day
It will give out a lovely ray,
O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on.

Grades 5–8 (All)

3. O Beautiful star of Bethlehem
Shine upon us until the glory dawns.
Give us a lamp to light the way
Unto the land of perfect day,
O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on.

Grades 5–8 (All)

4. O Beautiful Star, the hope of grace
For the redeemed, the good and the blest
Yonder in glory when the crown is won.
Jesus is now the star divine
Brighter and brighter He will shine
O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem shine on.

Silent Night, Holy Night

Grades 1–8 (All)

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.