

SINGING CAROLS

An English Tradition

The tradition of singing carols began in Victorian England. On the days leading up to Christmas, carollers go from door to door singing traditional Christmas songs which are called carols. People give the singers money which is donated to charity. Most of the carols sung today were composed in the 1800s. The earliest carols were sung to fast, happy tunes; the word "carol" comes from the French "carole" which means a song that people dance to. Carollers usually dress up in warm clothes, with gloves, hats and scarves because it can get very cold walking from house to house in the middle of winter.



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,
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent Night, Holy Night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from Heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.*

*Silent Night, Holy Night,
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.*



O Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles)

*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.*

*Sing choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above.
"Glory to God
... In the Highest".
O come let us adore Him;
O come let us adore Him;
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

The First Nowell (Noël)

*The first Noël the Angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay;
Keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night
That was so deep.
Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël,
Born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked 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.
Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël,
Born is the King of Israel.*



White Christmas

*I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know.
Where the treetops 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 Christmases be white.*

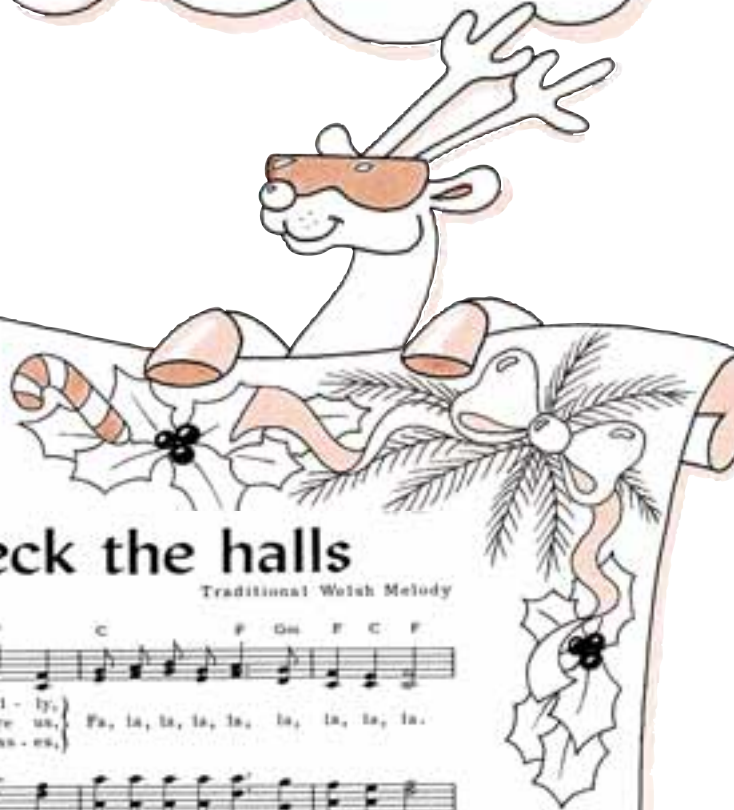


Jingle bells

*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,
Oh what fun it is to ride
and sing a sleighing song tonight!*

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

*Ask your pupils
to illustrate
one of the carols
in this issue.*



deck the halls

Words traditional

Traditional Welsh Melody

With spirit

1. Deck the halls with boughs of hol - ly,
2. See the blaz - ing Yule be - fore us, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.
3. Fast a - way the old year pass - es,

'Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly,
Strike the harp and join the chu - rus, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.
Hail the now, ye lads and lass - es,

Don we now our gay ap - par - el,
Fol - low me in mer - ry meas - ure, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.
Sing we joy - ous all to - geth - er,

Troll the an - cient Yule - tide car - ol,
While I tell of Yule - tide treas - ure, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.
Heed - less of the wind and weath - er,