
GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN

Words

Traditional English

Music

Arranged By Sir John Stainer

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God rest you merry gentlemen

Unknown (17th Century)

Traditional English melody arranged by Sir. J. Stainer

1. God rest you mer - ry gen - tle - men let no - thing
 2. In Beth - le - hem in Je - ry this bless - ed
 3. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed
 4. "Fear not," then said the an - gel, "Let no - thing
 5. The shep - herds at those ti - dings re - joic - ed
 6. And when to Beth - le - hem they came to where the
 7. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with -
 8. God bless the ru - ler of this house, and send him

Verse 8 is optional.

1. you dis - may, for Je - sus Christ our Sa - viour was
 2. babe was born and laid with - in a man - ger up -
 3. an - gel came and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought
 4. you af - fright, this day is born a Sav - iour of
 5. much in mind, and left their flocks a feed - ing in
 6. in - fant lay, they found him in a man - ger where
 7. in this place and with true love and bro - ther hood each
 8. long to reign, and ma - ny hap - py Christ - mas - es may

1. born up - on this day to save us all from
 2. on this bless - ed morn; the which his mo - ther
 3. ti - dings of the same, how that in Beth - le -
 4. vir - tue, power and might, to free all those who
 5. temp - est storm and wind, and straight they came to
 6. ox - en feed on hay; his mo - ther, Ma - ry
 7. oth - er now em - brace; This ho - ly tide of
 live to see a - gain. A - mong your friends* and

*It is thought that the word "fiends" was used in London streets in place of "friends"

1. Sa - tan's power when we had gone a - stray,
 2. Ma - ry did no - thing take in scorn.
 3. hem was born the Son of God by name:
 4. trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might.
 5. Beth - le - hem the bless - ed babe to find:
 6. kneel - ing un - to the Lord did pray.
 7. Christ - mas all oth - ers doth de - face:
 8. kind - red, that live both far and near,

1-7. O - ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and
 8. And God send you a hap - py new year. Hap - py new

joy. O - ti - dings of com - fort and joy.
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