

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

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Arranged by Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)

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1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle-men, Let noth-ing you dis - may,
 2. In Beth-le - hem in Jew - ry, This bless-ed Babewas born,
 3. From God ourHeav'nly Fa - ther, A bless-ed An - gel came;

This musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Re - member Christ our Sav - ior Was born on Christmas Day,
 And laid with - in a man - ger, Up - on this bless-ed Morn;
 And un - to cer - tain Shep - herds Brought ti-dings of the same:

This musical score continues the two-staff format. The lyrics describe the birth of Christ and the arrival of the shepherds.

To save us all from Sa-tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray;
 The which His Moth-er Ma - ry, Did noth-ing take in scorn.
 How that in Beth-le - hem was born The Son of God by Name.

This musical score concludes the three-stanza setting of the hymn.

13 *ff* O_ tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O_ tidings of comfort and joy.

This section begins with a dynamic of *ff* (fortissimo) and consists of two staves. The lyrics repeat the phrase "O_ tidings of comfort and joy". The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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4. "Fear not then," said the An - gel, "Let noth-ing you af - fright,
 5. The shepherds at those ti - dings Re - joic - ed much in mind,
 6. And when they came to Beth - le-hem Where our dear Sav - ior lay,
 7. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this place,

This day is born a Sav - ior Of a pure Vir - gin bright,
 And left their flocks a - feed - ing, In tempest, storm, and wind:
 They found Him in a man - ger, Where ox - en feed on hay;
 And with true love and bro - therhood Each oth - er now em - brace;

To free all those who trust in Him From Sa-tan's pow'r and might."
 And went to Beth - le - hem straight way, The Son of God to find.
 His Moth-er Ma - ry kneel - ing down, Un - to the Lord did pray.
 This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas All oth - er doth de - face.

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