*[Only keys, slow, meandering speed]*

Am (Highest note changing E, F, F#, F)

God rest ye merry, gentlemen

Let nothing you dismay

Remember, Christ, our Saviour

Was born on Christmas day

To save us all from Satan's power

When we were gone astray

O tidings of comfort and joy,

Comfort and joy

O tidings of comfort and joy

*[More instruments]*

Am/E /F /F# /F

From God our Heavenly Fa - ther

/E /F  **Esus4**   **E**

A blessed Angel came;

And unto certain Shepherds

Brought tidings of the same:

F G C Bb

How that in Bethle - hem was born

F G

The Son of God by Name.

Am Am/F E Am

O ti - dings of comfort and joy,

… G

Comfort and joy

C F E Am

O tidings of com -fort and joy

And when they came to Bethlehem

Where our dear Saviour lay,

They found Him in a manger,

Where oxen feed on hay;

His Mother Mary kneeling down,

Unto the Lord did pray.

*O tidings…*

Now to the Lord sing praises,

All you within this place,

And with true love and brotherhood

Each other now embrace;

This holy tide of Christmas

All other doth deface.

*O tidings…*

*[Piano intro]*

G A Bm D G A D Em

*…of Israel* ***2 3*** *1 2 3 1 2 3*

**D** *[ring…]*

The first Nowell the angel did say

was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

*[drums building, 4 to the floor]*

D A G D

in fields as they lay, a-keeping their sheep,

on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

***[full]***

D F#m G D

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,

Bm A G D

born is the King of Is - rael.

(D A G D)

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.

*[with dead stop on ‘follow’]*

And by the light of that same star

three wise men came from country far;

to seek for a king was their intent,

and to **foll**ow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest,

o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,

and there it did both stop and stay

right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three

full reverently upon their knee,

and offered there in his presence

their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord

sing praises to our heavenly Lord;

that hath made heaven and earth of nought,

and with his blood mankind hath bought.

*[Quietly, so the kids can be heard]*

E B E

Away in a manger,

F#m

No crib for His bed

B C#m

The little Lord Jesus

F#m B

Laid down His sweet head

E B E

The stars in the bright sky

F#m

Looked down where He lay

B C#m

The little Lord Jesus

B E

A-sleep on the hay

*[Normal]* E B E … F#m

The cattle are lowing B C#m F#m B

The baby awakes

But little Lord Jesus

No crying He makes

I love Thee, Lord Jesus E B E … F#m

Look down from the sky B C#m B E

And stay by my side,

'Til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,

I ask Thee to stay

Close by me forever

And love me I pray

Bless all the dear children

In Thy tender care

And take us to heaven

To live with Thee there