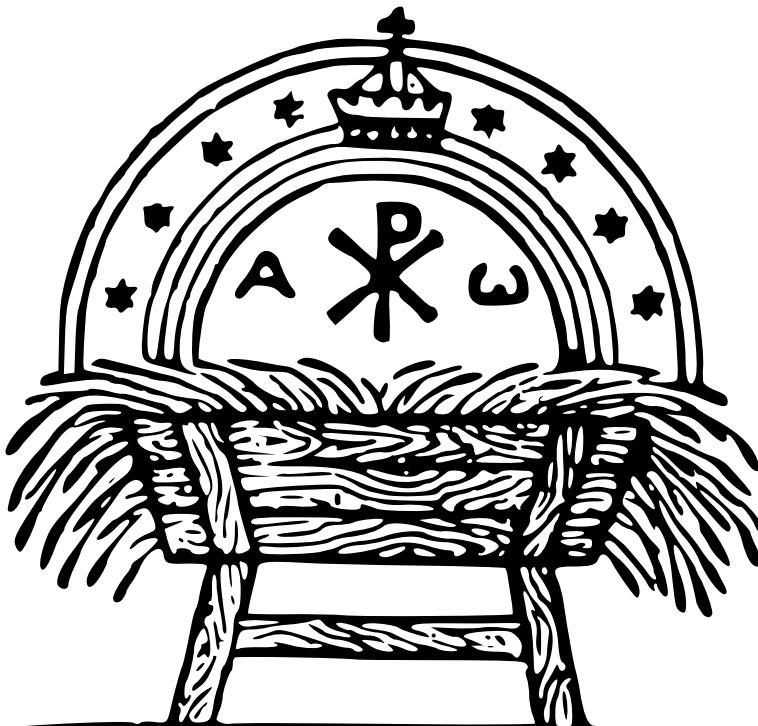


MUSICA NATIVITATIS



SONGS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

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I. RORATE CAELI (DROP DOWN, YE HEAVENS)



Ro - ra - te cae - li de - su - per, et nubes plu - ant ju - stum.
Drop down ye heavens from a - bove, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

1. Be not angry, O Lord, and remember no longer our iniquity:
behold the city of the Holy One is become a desert:
Sion is become a desert: Jerusalem is desolate:
the house of thy sanctification and of thy glory, where our fathers praised thee.
2. We have sinned and are become as one that is unclean:
and we have all fallen as a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind have carried us away:
thou hast hidden thy face from us, and hast crushed us in the hold of our iniquity.
3. Behold, O Lord, the affliction of thy people, and send forth Him Who is to come:
send forth the Lamb, the ruler of the earth,
from the Rock of the desert, to the mount of daughter Sion:
that he may take away the yoke of our captivity.
4. Be comforted, be comforted, my people: thy salvation cometh quickly:
why art thou consumed with grief: for sorrow hath estranged thee:
I will save thee: fear not, for I am the Lord thy God,
The Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.



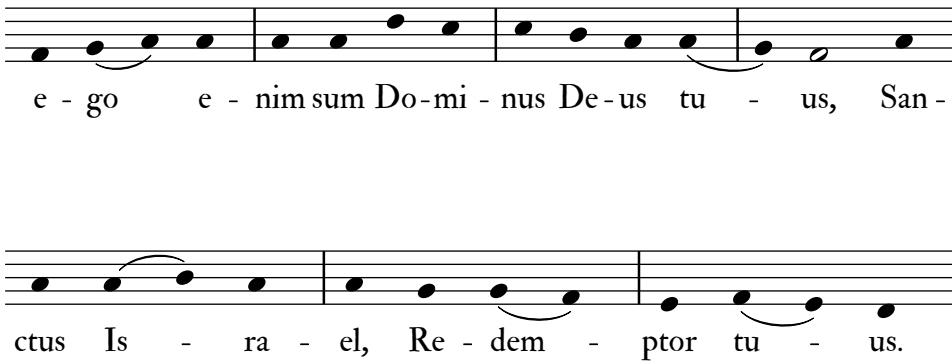
II. Conso-la-mi - ni, conso - la-mi-ni, po-pu-le me - us, ci - to ve-ni -



et sa-lus tu - a: qua-re moero - re con-su - me - ris, qui-a



in-no-va-vit te do - lor? Sal-va - bo te, no - li ti-me - re,



2. CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Thy peo - ple's ev - er -
 2. Our Fa - ther heard the help-less cry Of all cre - a - tion
 3. When earth was near its ev 'ning hour, You came in love's re -
 4. At thy great Name, ex - al - ted now, all knees should bend, all
 5. To thee, O ho - ly One, we pray, our judge in that tre -
 6. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit,

1. la - sting light, Lord Je - sus, Sav - ior of us all,
 2. doomed to die, And saved our lost and guil - ty race
 3. deem - ing pow'r, Like bridegroom from his cham - ber come,
 4. heads should bow: All things in heav'n and earth a - dore,
 5. men - dous day, de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6. three in one, Praise, hon - or, might and glo - ry be

1. Now hear thy ser - vants when they call.
 2. By heal - ing gifts of heav - n'ly grace.
 3. Forth from a maid - en moth - er's womb.
 4. and praise thee, King for - ev - er more.
 5. as - saul - ted by the dead - ly foe.
 6. from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

3. O COME, O COME EMMANUEL



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high,
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
4. O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree,
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come,
6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high,
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind,



1. And ran - some cap - tive Is - ra - el,
2. Who or - d'rest all things might - i - ly;
3. Who to Thy tribues on Si - nai's height
4. Free them from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny
5. And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;
6. And cheer us by Thy draw - ing nigh;
7. In one the hearts of all man - kind;



1. Who mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
2. To us the path of knowl - edge show,
3. In an - cient times didst give the Law
4. That trust Thy might - y pow'r save,
5. Make safe the way that leads on high,
6. Di - sperse the gloo - my clouds of night,
7. Bid Thou our sad di - vi - sions cease,

1. Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2. And teach us in her ways to go.
 3. In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 4. And give them vic - try o'er the grave.
 5. And close the path to mis - er - y.
 6. And death's dark shadows put to flight.
 7. And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emman - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
Gau-de! Gau-de! Em-man - u - el Nas - ce - tur pro te Is - ra - el!

4. THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

1. The ad - vent of our King Our thoughts must now em - ploy
 2. The co - e - ter - nal Son A maid - en's off-spring see;
 3. In glo - ry from his throne A - gain will Christ de - scend,
 4. Our joy - ful prais-es sing To Christ, who set us free;

Then let us meet him on the road With songs of ho - ly joy.
 A servant's form Christ put-teth on, To set his peo - ple free.
 And summon all who are his own To joys that nev - er end.
 Like trib-ute to the Fa-ther bring, And Ho - ly Ghost, to thee.

S. PEOPLE, LOOK EAST!



1. Peo - ple, look East! The time is near of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad, though earth is bare, One more
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more
5. An - gels, an-nounce with shouts of mirth Him who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house
seed is plant - ed there. Give up your
nest that must be filled. E - ven the
light the bowl shall brim. shin - ing be -
brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry



fair as you are a - ble, Trim the
strength the seed to nour - ish, That in
hour when wings are fro - zen He for
yong the fros - ty weath - er, Bright as
peak and vel - ley hum - ming With the



hearth and set the ta - ble.
course the flow'r may flour - ish.
fledg - ling - time has cho - sen.
sun and moon to - geth - er.
word, 'The Lord is com - ing.'



Peo - ple look East, and sing to - day:

Love the Guest is on the way.
 Love the Rose is on the way.
 Love the Bird is on the way.
 Love the Star is on the way.
 Love the Lord is on the way.

6. GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2. For now a bless-ed moth-er thou shalt be,
3. Then gen - tle Mar - y meek-ly bowed her head;
4. Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born

His wings as drift-ed snow, his eyes as flame:
 All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
 To me be as it ples-eth God, she said.
 In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,

All hail to thee, O low-ly maid-en Mar - y,
 Thy son shall be Em - man-u - el, by seers fore - told,
 My soul shall laud and mag-ni - fy God's ho - ly name.
 And Christtian folk throughout the world will ev - er say:

Most highly favored la - dy. Glo - ri - a!

7. PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION



1. Pre - pare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
2. He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
3. Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Sav - ior's rule embrace.

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Let ev - 'ry hill and valley a lev - el way appear.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
, His tid-ings of sal - vation pro-claim in ev'ry place.



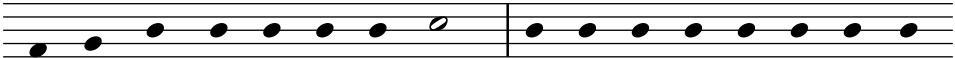
Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore-told in sac-red sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sounding, for grace and joy a - bounding.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voi - ces will a - dore him.

7



Oh blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

8. MARY'S MAGNIFICAT



My soul doth mag-ni - fy the Lord and my spir - it hath rejoiced in



God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.



For be hold from henceforth all gen-er - a-tions shall call me blessed.



For he that is mighty hath mag-ni-fied me and ho - ly is His Name.



And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all ge-ne-ra-tions.



He hath showed strength with his arm he hath scattered the proud in the i-



magi-nation of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat



and hath ex - al - ted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hun-gry



with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering



his mer-cy hath holpen his ser-vant Is-rael As he promised to our



fore - fa - thers, Ab - ra - ham and his seed, for - e - ver.

9. COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

A musical score in G clef, 3/4 time, featuring a single melodic line. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics for the first two stanzas are written below the notes.

1. Come, Thou long ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, born a child and

7

A continuation of the musical score. The lyrics for the third stanza are written below the notes.

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us
y - et a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er, now

14

A continuation of the musical score. The lyrics for the fourth stanza are written below the notes.

find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con-so - la - tion,
thy gra - cious king-dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal spir -

21

A continuation of the musical score. The lyrics for the fifth stanza are written below the notes.

Hope of all the earth Thou art, Dear de - sire of
it rule in all our hearts al - one; by thine all

27

A continuation of the musical score. The lyrics for the sixth stanza are written below the notes.

ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
suf - fic - ient merit, raise us to thy glor-ious throne.

10. GAUDETE (CHRISTUS EST NATUS)



1. At this time of ho - ly grace,
 2. God is made a man to - day;
 3. Fa-stened was E - ze-kiel's gate,
 4. Therefore let us all re - joice,
- For which we were year - ning,
Na - ture lies in won - der.
Yet he en-tered through it,
Sing-ing to ac - claim Him.

- I. Tem-pus ad-est gra-ti - ae,
II. De - us ho-mo fac-tus est,
III. E - ze - cae-lis por - ta
IV. Er - go no-stra con-ti - o
- hoc quod op - ta - ba - mus,
na - tu - ra mi - ran - te;
clau - sa per tran - si - tur;
psal - lat iam in lus - tro;



- In de - vo - tion let us sing,
Christ the King re-news the world
So the light the world has found,
Here we greet and bless the Lord,
- Hymns of joy re - tur - ning.
That was put a - sun - der.
Bring-ing mer - cy to it.
And our King we name Him.

- car - mi - na lae - ti - ti - ae,
mun-dus re - no - va - tus est
un - de lux est or - - ta,
Be - ne - di - cat Do - mi - no:
- de - vo - te red - da - mus.
a Chri-sto reg-nan - te.
sa - lus in - ve - ni - tur.
Sa - lus Re - gi nos - tro.

II. O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL (ADESTE FIDELIS)

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - umphant,
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 3. Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this hap-py mor - ning,
 I. A - des - te, fi - del - es, Lae - ti tri-um-phan - tes,
 II. Can - tet nunc hym - nos Cho - rus ang-el - or - um;
 III. Er - go qui na - tus di - e bo - di - er - na

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem.
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove.
 Je - sus to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n.
Ven - i - te, ven - i - te in Beth - le - hem.
 Can - tet nunc au - la cae - les - ti - um:
 Ie - su ti - bi sit glo - ri - a

Come and be - hold him Born the king of an - gels.
 Glo - ry to Go - d, glo - ry in the high - est.
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Na - tum vi - de - te Reg - em ang - el - or - um.
 'Glo - ri - a, Glo - ria In ex - cel - sis Deo.'
 Pa - tris ae - ter - ni Ver - bum ca - ro fact - um

O come, let us ad - ore Him, O come, let us ad - ore Him,
Ven - i - te a - dor - e - mus, Ven - i - te a - dor - e - mus,

O come, let us ad - ore Him, Christ, the Lord! A - men.
Ven - i - te a - dor - e - mus, Do - mi - num.

12. ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



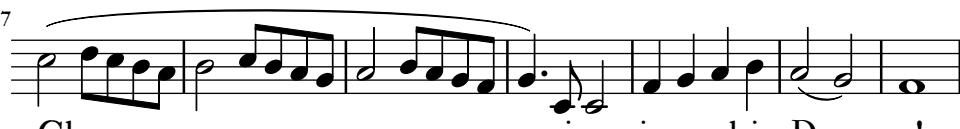
1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2. Shepherds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3. Come to Beth-le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man-ger laid whom the choirs of an - gels praise;



and the mountains in re - ply echo - i - ing their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the ti-dings be, which in - spire your heav'nly song?
Come, a - dore on bend-ed knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.



Glo - - - - ri-a in ex-celsis De-o!



Glo - - - - ri-a in excelsis De - o!

13. CANTICLE OF SYMEON



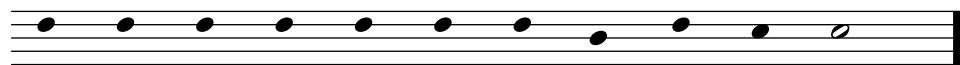
Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace ac-cording to thy word;



For mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion which thou has pre -



pared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles



and the glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.

14. SILENT NIGHT

1. Si - lent night, Ho - ly night, All is calm,
 2. Si - lent night, Ho - ly night, Shep-herds quake
 3. Si - lent night, Ho - ly night, Son of God,

All is bright Round yon Vir - gin Moth-er and Child.
 at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far.
 love's pure light Ra - diant beams from thy ho-ly face,

Ho - ly In-fant, so ten-der and mild, Sleep in heav-en-ly
 Heav'n-ly ho - sts sing Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav-ior, is
 With the dawn of re - de - em-ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace, Sleep in heav - en-ly peace.
 born, Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth!

15. JOY TO THE WORLD

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth rec - ceive
 2. Joy to the world! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her King! Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy! While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righteous - ness,

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing,
Re - peat the sounding joy, re - peat the sounding joy,
and won-ders of his love, and won-ders of his love,

and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.
re - peat, re - peat, the sound-ing joy!
and won - ders, won - ders of his love!

16. GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE

1. Good Christian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice,
2. Good Christian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice,
3. Good Christian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice,

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day!
Now ye hear of end-less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

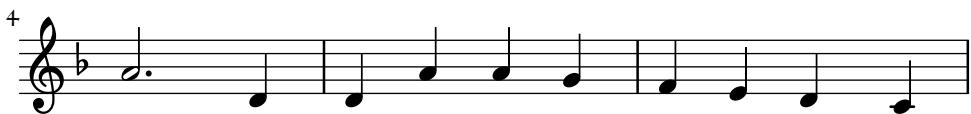
Ox and ass be-fore him bow, and he is in the manger now.
He has oped the heav'ly door, and man is blessed ev - er-more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last-ing hall.

- 13 Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

17. GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN



2. In Beth - le - hem in Jew - ry this bless-ed Babe was
 3. From God our heav'n-ly Fa - ther a bless-ed an - gel
 4. The shepherds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in
 5. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with-in this



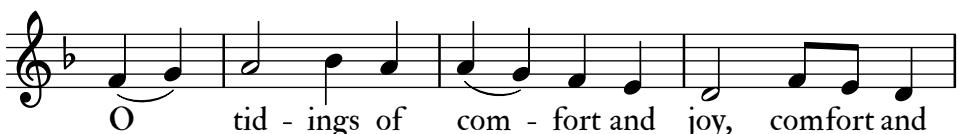
came, and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought
 mind, and left their flocks a - fe - ed - ing in
 place, and with true love and broth - er - hood each



tid - ings of the same; how that in Beth - le -
 tem - pest, storm, and wind, and went to Beth - le -
 oth --er now em - brace. This ho - ly tide of



hem was born the Son of God by name:
 hem straightway, the Son of God to find:
 Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.





18. HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, 'Glo - ry to the
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er-
 3. Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of
 + new-born King;' Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
 last - ing Lord; Late in time be - hold him come,
 Righteous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,
 7 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled! Joy - ful, all ye
 Offspring of the Vir-gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
 10 Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his
 na-tions rise, Join the triumph of the skies, With an-gele - ic
 Godhead see; Hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty; Pleased as man with
 14 glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the
 hosts pro-claim, 'Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!'
 man to dwell; Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
 sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth!
 17 Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, 'Glo-ry to the newborn King!'

19. O HOLY NIGHT

1. O ho - ly night, the stars are bright-ly shi - ning;
2. Led by the light of faith ser - ene - ly beam - ing,
3. Tru - ly He taught us to love one a - no - ther;

it is the night of the dear Sav - ior's birth.
with glow - ing hearts by His cra - dle we stand.
His law is love and His go - spel is peace.

Long lay the world in sin and er - ror pi - ning,
So led by light of a star sweet - ly gleam - ing,
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our bro - ther,

till He ap-peared and the soul felt its worth.
there came the wise men from Or - i - ent land.
and in His name all op-press - ion shall cease.

A thrill of hope, the wea - ry world re - joi - ces, for
The King of kings lay thus in low - ly man - ger; in
Sweet hymns of joy in grate-ful cho-rus raise we, let

yon - der breaks a new and glor - ious morn!
all our tri - als born to be our friend.
all with - in us praise His ho - ly name.



Fall on your knees! O hear the an - gel voi - ces!
He knows our need, to our weak - ness is no stran-ger.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name for - ev - er!



O night__ div - ine! O night when Christ was born!
Be - hold__ your King; be - fore Him low - ly bend!
His pow'r__ and glo - ry ev - er - more pro-claim!



O night__ div - ine! O night, O night div - ine!
Be - hold__ your King; be - fore Him low - ly bend!
His pow'r__ and glo - ry ev - er-more pro-claim!

