

19. God rest you merry, gentlemen

v. 1 Unison
v. 2 Harmony

English traditional carol
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

SOPRANO
ALTO

(ORGAN)

TENOR
BASS

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let no - thing you dis - may, For
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came, And

Je - sus Christ our Sa - viour Was born up - on this day, To save us all from
un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought ti - dings of the same, How that in Beth - le -

Sa - tan's power When we were gone a - stray: — O ti - dings of com - fort and
- hem was born The Son of God by name: —

com - fort and

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

Verse 5 overleaf

Unison

3. The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a - feeding
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway
This blessed babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Harmony

4. But when to Bethlehem they came,
Whereat this infant lay,
They found him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

*If preferred, the refrain may always be sung in unison (with organ accompaniment).

Also available separately (*Five Christmas Carols* arr. David Willcocks)

Verse 5 overleaf

SOPRANOS 1 2

ALLOS

TENORS and BASSES (with CONGREGATION)

5. Now to the Lord sing prai - ses, All you with-in this place, And

ORGAN

Sw.

Gt.

Ped.

Ah Ah Ah

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with true love and brother-hood Each o - ther now em - brace; This ho - ly tide of

O ti - dings of com - fort and

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Christ - mas All o - thers doth de - face: O ti - dings of com - fort and

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