

## II. GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

English traditional carol  
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

*v. 1 Unison voices with organ*  
*v. 2 Unaccompanied voices*

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'nly 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-

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

*com-fort and*

joy, and— joy, O— ti-dings of com-fort and joy.  
*(a)*  
and— joy,

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

*Unison voices*

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.

*Unaccompanied voices*

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.