

# God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Traditional English 18th Century Carol

Key - G | Tempo - 120 | Time - 4/4



## SIMPLIFIED CHORDS

### VERSE 1

**6m 3 6m 4 3**  
God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dis - may  
**6m 3 6m 4 3 6**  
Re - member Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day  
**2m 5 1/3 3 6m 2 5**  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray

### CHORUS

**1 3 6m 2 5**  
O tidings of com - fort and joy, comfort and joy  
**5/4 1/3 4 1 3 6m**  
O tid - ings of com - fort and joy

### VERSE 2

**6m 3 6m 4 3**  
In Bethle - hem in Jewry this blessed Babe was born  
**6m 3 6m 4 3 6**  
And laid with - in a manger up - on this blessed morn  
**2m 5 1/3 3 6m 2 5**  
The which His mother Mar - y did nothing take in scorn

### VERSE 3

**6m 3 6m 4 3**  
From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came  
**6m 3 6m 4 3 6**  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same  
**2m 5 1/3 3 6m 2 5**  
How that in Bethle - hem was born, the Son of God by name

### VERSE 4

**6m 3 6m 4 3**  
Fear not, then said the angel, let nothing you af - fright  
**6m 3 6m 4 3 6**  
This day is born a Saviour of a pure virgin bright  
**2m 5 1/3 3 6m 2 5**  
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might

### VERSE 5

**6m 3 6m 4 3**  
The shepherds at those tidings re - joiced much in mind  
**6m 3 6m 4 3 6**  
And left their flocks a - feeding in tempest, storm and wind  
**2m 5 1/3 3 6m 2 5**  
And went to Bethle - hem straight - way the blessed Babe to find

## VERSE 6

6m 3 6m 4 3  
And when they came to Bethlehem where our dear Saviour lay  
6m 3 6m 4 3 6  
They found Him in a manger where oxen feed on hay  
2m 5 1/3 3 6m 2m 5  
His mother Mary kneeling down un - to the Lord did pray

## VERSE 7

6m 3 6m 4 3  
Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place  
6m 3 6m 4 3 6  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now em - brace  
2 5 1/3 3 6m 2 5  
This holy tide of Christ - mas all others doth de - face

## TRADITIONAL CHORDS

### VERSE 1

6m 3/#5 3 6m 3m 4 1 4 3 6m 4 3  
God rest ye mer - ry gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may  
6m 3/#5 3 6m 3m 4 1 4 3 6m 4 3  
Re - member Christ our Sav - iour was born on Christ - mas Day  
6 2m 5/7 1 4/6 1/3 4 1 3 6m 2/6 5 1/3 5  
To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray

## CHORUS

6m 5/7 1 4 1 2m 6m/3 3 6m 2/6 5 5/4  
O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, comfort and joy  
1/3 5/2 1 4/6 1/3 4 1 2m 6m/3 3 6m  
O ti - dings of com - fort and joy

### VERSE 2

6m 3/#5 3 6m 3m 4 1 4 3 6m 4 3  
In Bethle - hem in Jew - ry this bles - sed Babe was born  
6m 3/#5 3 6m 3m 4 1 4 3 6m 4 3  
And laid with - in a man - ger up - on this bles - sed morn  
6 2m 5/7 1 4/6 1/3 4 1 3 6m 2/6 5 1/3 5  
The which His moth - er Mar - y did noth - ing take in scorn

### VERSE 3

6m 3/#5 3 6m 3m 4 1 4 3 6m 4 3  
From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther a bles - sed an - gel came  
6m 3/#5 3 6m 3m 4 1 4 3 6m 4 3  
And unto cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same  
6 2m 5/7 1 4/6 1/3 4 1 3 6m 2/6 5 1/3 5  
How that in Beth - le - hem was born, the Son of God by name

VERSE 4

**6m**      **3/#5**      **3**      **6m**      **3m**      **4**      **4**  
 Fear not, then said      the an - gel,  
**6m**      **3/#5**      **3**      **6m**      **3m**      **4**      **1**  
 This day is born      a Sav - iour      of  
**6**      **2m**      **5/7**      **1**      **4/6**      **1/3**      **4**      **1**  
 To free all      those who trust in Him

## VERSE 5

**6m**      **3/#5**      **3**      **6m**      **3m**      **4**      **1**      **4**      **3**      **6m**      **4**      **3**  
 The shepherds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind  
**6m**      **3/#5**      **3**      **6m**      **3m**      **4**      **1**      **4**      **3**      **6m**      **4**      **3**  
 And left their flocks a - feed - ing in tem - pest, storm and wind  
**6**      **2m**      **5/7**      **1**      **4/6**      **1/3**      **4**      **1**      **3**      **6m**      **2/6**      **5**      **1/3**      **5**  
 And went to Beth - le - hem straight - way the bles - sed Babe to find

VERSE 6

**6m**      **3/#5**    **3**    **6m**    **3m**    **4**                 **1**    **4**    **3**    **6m**    **4**    **3**  
 And when they came to Beth - le - hem where our dear Sav - iour lay  
**6m**      **3/#5**    **3**    **6m**    **3m**    **4**                 **1**    **4**    **3**    **6m**    **4**    **3**  
 They found Him in a man - ger where ox - en feed on hay  
**6**    **2m**    **5/7**    **1**    **4/6**    **1/3**    **4**    **1**    **3**    **6m**    **2/6**    **5**    **1/3**    **5**  
 His moth - er Mar - y kneel - ing down un - to the Lord did pray

VERSE 7

<b>6m</b>	<b>3/#5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6m</b>	<b>3m</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6m</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	
Now to	the Lord	sing	prais	-	es,		all	you	with - in		this	place	
<b>6m</b>	<b>3/#5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6m</b>	<b>3m</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6m</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	
And with true love		and	broth	- er	- hood		each	oth	- er	now	em	- brace	
<b>6</b>	<b>2m</b>	<b>5/7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4/6</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6m</b>	<b>2/6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>5</b>
This ho	- ly	tide	of	Christ	-	mas	all	oth	- ers	doth	de	- face	

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