

# God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Traditional English 18th Century Carol

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

## SIMPLIFIED CHORDS

### VERSE 1

Em B Em C B  
God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dis - may  
Em B Em C B E  
Re - member Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day  
Am D G/B B Em A D  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray

### CHORUS

G B Em A D  
O tidings of com - fort and joy, comfort and joy  
D/C G/B C G B Em  
O tid - ings of com - fort and joy

### VERSE 2

Em B Em C B  
In Bethle - hem in Jewry this blessed Babe was born  
Em B Em C B E  
And laid with - in a manger up - on this blessed morn  
Am D G/B B Em A D  
The which His mother Mar - y did nothing take in scorn

### VERSE 3

Em B Em C B  
From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came  
Em B Em C B E  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same  
Am D G/B B Em A D  
How that in Bethle - hem was born, the Son of God by name

### VERSE 4

Em B Em C B  
Fear not, then said the angel, let nothing you af - fright  
Em B Em C B E  
This day is born a Saviour of a pure virgin bright  
Am D G/B B Em A D  
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might

### VERSE 5

Em B Em C B  
The shepherds at those tidings re - joiced much in mind  
Em B Em C B E  
And left their flocks a - feeding in tempest, storm and wind  
Am D G/B B Em A D  
And went to Bethle - hem straight - way the blessed Babe to find

## VERSE 6

**Em B Em C B**  
And when they came to Bethlehem where our dear Saviour lay  
**Em B Em C B E**  
They found Him in a manger where oxen feed on hay  
**Am D G/B B Em Am D**  
His mother Mary kneeling down un - to the Lord did pray

## VERSE 7

**Em B Em C B**  
Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place  
**Em B Em C B E**  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now em - brace  
**A D G/B B Em A D**  
This holy tide of Christ - mas all others doth de - face

## TRADITIONAL CHORDS

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**Em B/D# B Em Bm C G C B Em C B**  
God rest ye mer - ry gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may  
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Re - member Christ our Sav - iour was born on Christ - mas Day  
**E Am D/F# G C/E G/B C G B Em A/E D G/B D**  
To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray

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