

Carols in Kentmere

Christmas 1990
Fri. Dec. 21st



with Staveley
Choral Society

SOLO:

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

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CHOIR:

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter, was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

ALL: And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly Maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

BIDDING PRAYER

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Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply Wailing [3 times]
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion,
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture [3 times]
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

1st LESSON - CHRIST'S BIRTH AND KINGDOM FORETOLD

CHOIR: KING JESUS HAD A GARDEN
THE SHEPHERD'S FAREWELL

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2nd LESSON - THE PEACE THAT CHRIST WILL BRING

CHOIR: PSALLITE UNIGENITO

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3rd LESSON - MICAH FORETELLS THE GLORY OF BETHLEHEM

In the bleak midwinter
 Frosty wind made moan,
 Earth stood hard as iron,
 Water like a stone;
 Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
 Snow on snow,
 In the bleak midwinter,
 Long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold him
 Nor earth sustain;
 Heav'n and earth shall flee away
 When he comes to reign:
 In the bleak midwinter
 A stable place sufficed
 The Lord God Almighty
 Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim
 Worship night and day,
 A breastful of milk,
 And a mangerful of hay;
 Enough for him, whom angels
 Fall down before,
 The ox and ass and camel
 Which adore.

Angels and archangels
 May have gathered there,
 Cherubim and seraphim
 Thronged the air:
 But only his mother
 In her maiden bliss
 Worshipped the Beloved
 With a kiss.

What can I give him,
 Poor as I am ?
 If I were a shepherd
 I would bring a lamb;
 If I were a wiseman
 I would do my part;
 Yet what I can I give him
 Give my heart.

4th LESSON - THE ANGEL GABRIEL SALUTES THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

CHOIR: TOMORROW SHALL BE ...

5th LESSON - ST. MATTHEW TELLS OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS

CHOIR: SILENT NIGHT
THE INFANT KING

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6th LESSON - ST. LUKE TELLS OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy, and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

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From God our heav'nly Father
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name:
O tidings of comfort and joy....

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

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....

7th LESSON - THE SHEPHERDS GO TO THE MANGER

CHOIR: THE CROWN OF ROSES

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8th LESSON - WISEMEN ARE LED BY A STAR TO JESUS

CHOIR: SANS DAY CAROL

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9th LESSON - ST. JOHN UNFOLDS THE MYSTERY
OF THE INCARNATION

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye
to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:

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O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not
 the Virgin's womb.
Very God,
Begotten, not created:

See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks
 draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:

Sing choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens
 of heav'n above;
Glory to God
In the highest:

COLLECT AND BLESSING

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th' angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
 Hark! the herald angels sing
 Glory to the new-born King.

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Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth,
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

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After the Service refreshments will be served in
Church.

There will be no collection, but donations for the
Church Roof Appeal can be left on a plate at the
Back of the Church.