



# **DIDCOT COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR**

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**13<sup>TH</sup> December 2026. Church of the English Martyrs. Didcot**

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## **A CHILD IS BORN** HOLY BABY BOY

1: A child is born and the angels sing  
Good news has come, we will worship him.  
Glory to god in the highest  
Welcome the prince of peace

Chorus: Holy baby boy, brightest light of the world.  
Help us sing your song today.  
Holy baby boy, Jesus Saviour for all  
Bring your wonderful love to us!

2: A child is born, let the earth rejoice!  
Night skies shine gold, with the angel choir  
Sheep on the hills, shepherds hurry to Bethlehem tonight.

Chorus: Holy baby boy, brightest light of the world.  
Help us sing your song today.  
Holy baby boy, Jesus Saviour for all  
Bring your wonderful love to us!

3: A child is born, Mary sings for joy!  
With Joseph close they embraced God's son.  
The promise shared by the angel  
Has been fulfilled today!

Chorus: Holy baby boy, brightest light of the world.  
Help us sing your song today.  
Holy baby boy, Jesus Saviour for all  
Bring your wonderful love to us!

Together lift your voices, join the angels song  
Together celebrating what the Lord has done!  
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Chorus: Holy baby boy, brightest light of the world.  
Help us sing your song today.  
Holy baby boy, Jesus Saviour for all  
Bring your wonderful love to us!

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## **A CELTIC CRADLE CAROL (NEW)**

**SA** unison: Hush, my dear one, sleep is calling.

Rest as starshine warms the night.

**Men unison:** Hearts are glowing; cattle lowing.

In the stable there is light.

**SAT:** Angels guard you; none shall harm You.

**SATB:** Dream my Child, in heavenly peace.

**All unison:** In a manger far from danger,

Shepherds guard on bended knee.

**Solo:** In the silence, love is sleeping; no more weeping

**SATB at same time:** Oo-----Oo-----Oo-----

**All:** all is well

**Solo:** In the shadows, eyes are gazing. Hearts are praising;

**SATB at same time:** Oo-----Oo-----Oo-----

**All:** spirits swell.

### **Key change 1**

**SAT:** Hear the singing; music ringing.

**SATB:** Angels bringing songs of joy.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to the baby boy.

### **Key change 2**

**Descant over:** Al----le-----lu-----ia-----

**SATB:** Love divine, all love's excelling

**All:** Joy of heav'n to earth come down.

**Descant over:** Al----le-----lu-----ia-----

**SATB:** Fix in us thy humble dwelling

**All:** All thy faithful mercies crown

**SATB:** in Harm: Jesus thou art all compassion.

Pure unbounded love thou art.

**All in Unison:** Visit us with thy salvation.

Enter ev'ry trembling heart

**SA:** Visit us with thy salvation.

Enter ev'ry trembling heart

**Men:** Alleluia. **SA echo:** Alleluia. **Men:** Alleluia

**All in Harm:** Alleluia----

# MARY DID YOU KNOW? Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene

**Sops & Altos:**

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day walk on water?

**Men:**

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?

**All & (Sops & Altos only)**

Did you know (that your baby boy) has come to make you new?

(This child that you delivered) will soon deliver you.

(Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?)

**Men:** Mary, did you know (Did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?)

**All:** Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?

(And when you kiss you little baby,) you've kissed the face of God.

(Oh, Mary, did you know.....?) Oh.....

**Staggered entries. Men:** Mary, did you know..... **Sops & altos** Mary did you know.....(**Altos x 2**)  
You know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again,

The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the lamb!

(Mary, did you know) **Men:** know (that you baby boy is Lord of all) **Men:** know (creation?)

**Sops:** Mary did you know **Men & Altos** Did you know, **All:** that you baby boy

Will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?

This sleeping child you're holding, is the great I AM.....!

The great I AM.....!

Mary did you know?

# **AN INVITATION FOR ADVENT**

**Men:** Come to us Emmanuel.

**Sops & Altos:** Come to us, Lord Jesus

**Men:** Come to us Emmanuel.

**Sops & Altos:** Come and set us free.

**All:** We lift our longing hearts to you:

Come and bring us peace.

Come to us Emmanuel.

O come, Lord Jesus, come.

**Sops and Altos:** o come, o come, Emmanuel,

**Men:** Come to us Emmanuel.

**Sops and Altos:** and ransom captive Israel,

**Men:** Come to us Emmanuel.

**Sops and Altos:** that mourns in lonely exile here,

(Lord, we wait) until the son of God appear.

**Sops:** Rejoice! Rejoice! **Altos & Men:** Rejoice and be glad! Rejoice and be glad!

**All:** Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

Come to us Emmanuel.

**Sops & Altos:** Come to us Emmanuel. **Men:** Come, O come

**Sops & Altos:** Come to us Lord Jesus. **Men:** Come, O come

**Sops & Altos:** Come to us Emmanuel. **Men:** Come, O come

**All:** Come and bring us your light.

From darkness we have called to you,

Praying in the night. Come to us, Emmanuel.

**Sops & Altos:** O come, Lord Jesus, come.

**Men:** Come to us, Emmanuel.

**Sops & Altos:** Come to us, Emmanuel

**All:** O come Emmanuel.

## **SOON AND VERY SOON**

### **Men:**

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.

### **Men & Altos:**

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King

### **All voices:**

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King;

No more dying there, we are going to see the King;

No more dying there, we are going to see the King;

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King

### **Sops & Altos**

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;

### **(Men at the same time but starting a bar later)**

Soon, goin' to see the King, and very soon, very soon,

We are goin', goin'to see the King, Hallelu, Hallelu

Soon we're goin' to see the King

### **All:**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah! We're going to see the King

Hllelujah! Hallelujah! Soon and very soon

# **AFRICAN NOEL**

Victor C. Johnson

M: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!

A&M Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!

All: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!

S&M: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel! A: Sing Noel, Sing Noel! Sing we all Noel!

S&M: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel! A: Sing, Sing! Sing we all Noel!

S&M: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel! A: Sing Sing Noel, Noel!

A: Sing we all Noel

S: Sing we all Noel

M: Sing we all Noel

S&A Sing we all Noel

A: Sing we all Noel

S: Sing we all Noel

M: Sing we all Noel

S&A Sing we all Noel

A: Sing we all Noel.

S&M: Sing we all Noel

All: Sing Noel

All: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!

S&M: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel! A: Sing Noel, sing Noel, sing! Sing we all Noel!

S&M: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel! A: Sing, sing Noel, Noel, Noel

S&M: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel! A: Sing, Sing, Sing Noel

S&M Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel! A: Sing, sing! Noel, Noel

All: Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Sing Noel, Sing Noel, Noel.....Noel!

# **STAR OF WONDER**

(Sop A1&A2) sing once alone.

**Star of wonder, star so bright**

**Guide me on my way,**

**Then maybe I will find the gift  
of love and light.**

**Lead me to the little baby.**

*(repeat the above whilst men  
sing the following underneath)*

**(Men at the repeat )**

**Star of wonder, so bright,**

**Guide me on my way,**

**On my way, then maybe**

**I will find the gift of love and light,**

**Lead me to the little baby.**

**(Sop A1&A2) Men “Oo”**

I’ve been told there’s a baby boy,  
lying in the hay.

Bring us peace, bring us joy.

(All) Bring us love to day

**(Sop A1&A2)**

**Star of wonder, star so bright**

**Guide me on my way,**

**Then maybe I will find the gift  
of love and light.**

**Lead me to the little baby.**

**(Men sing )**

**Star of wonder, so bright,**

**Guide me on my way,**

**On my way, then maybe**

**I will find the gift of love and light,**

**Lead me to the little baby.**

**(Men & A2)**

Shepherds wake, hear the angels sing

**(Sop& A1)** Hear the Angels sing

**(Men&A2)** Glory, glory in the highest

**(Sops&A1)** Hallelujah!

**(All)** People coming, see them following

The star that’s shining brightest! (**keychange**)

**(Sop A1&A2)**

**Star of wonder, star so bright**

**Guide me on my way,**

**Then maybe I will find the gift  
of love and light.**

**Lead me to the little baby.**

**(Men sing )**

**Star of wonder, so bright,  
Guide me on my way,  
On my way, then maybe  
I will find the gift of love and light,  
Lead me to the little baby.**

**(Sop A1&A2)**

I will find the gift  
of love and light.

Lead me to the little baby.

**(Men sing )**

I will find the gift of love and light,  
Lead me to the little baby.

**(Sop A1&A2)**

Lead me to the little baby.

**(Men sing )**

To the little baby

**(ALL)** Lead me to the little baby.

# **RUN SHEPHERDS** Victor C. Johnson

Unison:

Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby,  
Run, shepherds, to Bethlehem!  
Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby,  
See the baby born, the Great I AM!

Harmony:

Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby, (Go now and run)  
Run, shepherds, to Bethlehem! (Why don't you run)  
Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby,  
See the baby born, the Great I AM!

Sops & Altos: There's a star in the east on Christmas morn.

Men: It will lead to the place where the saviour's born.

All: If you take good heed to the angels's words,  
You'll forget your flock, you'll forget you herds.

Harmony:

Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby, (Go now and run)  
Run, shepherds, to Bethlehem! (Why don't you run)  
Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby,  
See the baby born, the Great I AM!

Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby.  
Run, shepherds, to Bethlehem!

Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby, (Go now and run)  
Run, shepherds, to Bethlehem! (Why don't you run)  
Run, shepherds, run and see the Baby,  
All: See the baby born, the Great I AM!  
See the baby born, the Great.... I..... AM.....!

Solo: Run, run and see the Baby

Solo: In Bethlehem!

Solo: Oh, run, run, shepherds!

See the baby born, the Great I AM!

## **JOYFUL JOYFUL**

(SOLO – last line: oh fill us with the light of day)

Joyful, joyful, Lord we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
Hail Thee as the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the dawn of doubt away.  
Drive it away! Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us, fill us with the light of day, light of day.

Come and join the chorus, the mighty, mighty chorus  
Which the morning stars began.  
The Father of love is reigning over us.  
He watches over everything, so we sing:

Joyful, joyful, Lord we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
Hail Thee as the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the dawn of doubt away. Drive it away! Giver of immortal gladness,

*Choir:* Fill us

*Solo:* Fill us with your light, oh Lord.

*Choir:* Fill us

*Solo:* Don't you know we need you now!

*Choir:* Fill us

*Solo:* Fill us with your light!

*Choir:* Fill us

*Solo:* Let your light shine on us!

*Repeat all of the above section.*

Fill us, fill us with the light of day, light of day!

# **NOEL**

**Matt Redman**

**Text in Red is for the soloist**

Female Solo:

**Love incarnate, love divine,  
Star and angels gave the sign.  
Bow to babe on bended knee,  
The saviour of humanity.**

Solo: **Unto us a child is born.** Choir: "Ooo"

Solo: **He shall reign for ever more.** Choir: "Oh"

Solo: **Noel, noel!** Choir: we sing Noel!

All: Come and see what God has done

Solo: **Noel, noel!** Choir: Noel, we sing nowell

All: The story of amazing love!

Solo: **The light of the world**

All: given for us

Solo: **Noel.**

Sops & Altos: Son of God and son of Man

Men: Son of God and son of Man

Sops & Altos: Son of God and son of Man

Sops & Altos: there before the world began

Men: there before the world began

Sops & Altos: Born to suffer, born to save,

Men : Born to suffer, born to save,

Sops & Altos: Born to raise us from the grave.

Men: Born to raise us from the grave.

Sops & Altos: Christ the everlasting Lord,

Men: Everlasting Lord!

Sops & Altos: He shall reign for evermore!

All: Noel, noel! Solo: **we sing Noel!**

All: come and see what God has done.

Solo: **Noel, noel!** Choir: Noel, we sing nowell

All: The story of amazing love!

Solo: **The light of the world**

All: given for us.

Sops & Altos: Noel, noel.

Men: Noel, noel.

Sops & Altos: sing we all noel.

Solo: **unto us a Child is born,**

**He shall reign for ever more.** Choir: "Ooo"

# **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**All:** Merry Christmas! Have a very very Merry Christmas.

Dream about your hearts desire,

Christmas Eve when you retire.

Santa Claus will stop, and I know he'll drop,

Exactly what you wanted from your chimney top.

So be jolly! Have a holiday as gay as holly,

May the ones you love be near you,

With the laugh of friends to cheer you.

When the church bells ring, like the angels sing

And you hear the joyful hymn they chime,

Hang a wish from me on your Christmas tree

For a very Merry Christmas time.

**A&M sing Oo for 4 bars under:**

So be jolly! Have a holiday as gay as holly,

**All:** May the ones you love be near you,

With the laugh of friends to cheer you.

When the church bells ring, like the angels sing

And you hear the joyful hymn they chime,

Hang a wish from me on your Christmas tree

For a very Merry Christmas time.

A very Merry Christmas time!

# **SLEIGH RIDE.**

Leroy Anderson Arr: Mark Hayes

**All:** Just hear those sleigh bells jingleing, ring-ting-tingle-ing too.  
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you.  
Outside the snow is falling and friends are calling "Yoo-hoo."  
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you.....

**Sops & Altos:** Giddy yap, giddy yap, giddy yap, let's go, Let's look at the show.

**Men:** Let's look at the show.

**Sops & Altos:** We're riding in a wonderland of snow.

**Men:** Giddy yap, giddy yap, giddy yap, it's grand, just holding your hand.

**All:** We're gliding along with a song of a wintery fairyland.

Our cheeks are nice and rosy and comfy cosy are we.  
We're snuggled up together like two birds of a feather would be.  
Let's take that road before us and sing a chorus or two.  
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you.....

There's a birthday party at home of Farmer Gray.

It'll be the perfect ending of a perfect day>

**Sops & Altos (Men sing** Ah....& "stop")We'll be singing the songs we love to sing without a single stop.

**Men: (Sops & Altos:** Ah.... & "pop") At the fireplace while we watch the chestnuts pop.

**All:** Pop! Pop! Pop! There's a happy feeling nothing in the world can buy,  
When they pass around the coffee and the pumpkin pie.  
It'll nearly be like a picture print by currier and Ives.

These wonderful things are the things we remember all through our lives!

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Just hear those sleigh bells jingleing, ring-ting-tingle-ing too.  
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you.  
Outside the snow is falling and friends are calling "Yoo-hoo."

**All:** Come on it's, **Sops:** lovely weather for a, **Altos:** Lovely weather for a, **Men:** lovely weather for a

**All:** lovely weather for a, lovely weather for a sleigh ride with

**Sops:** "you", **Men & altos** underneath: "going on a sleigh ride" X 3.

With you!