



CHRISTMAS CONCERT. SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2025

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GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY WITH WSB

ABIDE WITH ME

BETTER IS ONE DAY

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?

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:

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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!

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Unison:

It's the most wonderful time of the year,
With the kids jingle belling,
And ev'ry one telling you,
"Be of good cheer"

Men:

It's the most wonderful time *All:* of the year

Unison:

It's the hap – happiest season of all
With those holiday greetings, and gay happy
Meetings when friends come to call,
.It's the hap-happiest season of all

There'll be parties for hosting,
Marshmallows for toasting
and carolling out in the snow.
There'll be scary ghost stories
and tales of the glories of Christmases long,
Long ago.

It's the most wonderful time of the year.
There'll be much mistletoeing
hearts will be glowing when loved ones are near.
It's the most wonderful time of the year.

There'll be parties for hosting,
Marshmallows for toasting
and carolling out in the snow.
There'll be scary ghost stories
and tales of the glories of Christmases long,
Long ago.
Long ago!

It's the most wonderful time of the year.
There'll be much mistletoeing
hearts will be glowing when loved ones are near.
It's the most wonderful time,
It's the most wonderful time,
It's the most wonderful time.....
Of the year.....

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

All: You are the light, Light of the world.
Heavenly light, the love of God revealed.
His gift for us, the Son of God,
Jesus Christ, the living word.

Shine in our world of darkness shine.
Make our hearts your home.
In ev'ry tribe and nation let your love be,
Let your love be known

S: Light of the world. **B (echo)** Light of the world.
S&A Light of the world. **T&B (echo)** Light of the world.
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All: Light of the world.

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!

OVER MY HEAD

Traditional Spiritual. Arr: Emily Crocker

All Voices! (Sops and Altos in Unison)

Verse 1: Over my head, I feel music in the air.

Over my head, I feel music in the air.

Over my head, I feel music in the air.

There must be joy somewhere.

Verse 2: Repeat as above at a faster tempo

Verse 3: Sopranos lead Altos and Men echo in Harmony with words in brackets

Under my feet (Under my feet)

There is dancing in the street (Dancing in the street)

Under my feet (Under my feet)

There is dancing in the street (Dancing in the street)

Under my feet (Under my feet)

There is dancing in the street (Dancing in the street)

There must be joy somewhere

Verse 4: Same approach as above with an optional descant.

(Descant words are the same as those in brackets)

Down in my heart (Down in my heart)

There's a song about to start (Song about to start)

Down in my heart (Down in my heart)

There's a song about to start (Song about to start)

Down in my heart (Down in my heart)

There's a song about to start (Song about to start)

There must be joy somewhere

There must be joy,joy,joy,joy,joy somewhere

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

Hallelujah! 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!

JESUS, WHAT A WONDERFUL CHILD.

Traditional Spiritual. Arr: Rollo Dilworth

Gospel Swing.

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild.

New life, new hope, to all he brings,

Listen to the angels sing:

Glory, glory, glory to the new born King!

(A) He was herald'd (S,T,B echo) herald'd

(A) By the angels (S,T,B echo) angels.

(ALL) yes, born in a lowly manger.

(S) God chose (A,T,B join) the virgin Mary as his mother,

And Joseph was his earthly Father.

(S,B) Three wise men trav'lin from afar (A,T echo) Wise men were trav'lin

(All) they were guided by that shinin' star

To see King Jesus where he lay

In a manger full of hay.

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild.

New life, new hope, to all he brings,

Listen to the angels sing:

Glory, glory, glory to the new born King!

Some travelled north, some travelled south

To see this wonderful Child.

Some travelled east, some travelled west

To see this wonderful Child

KEY CHANGE

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild.

New life, new hope, to all he brings,

Listen to the angels sing:

Glory, glory, glory to the new born King!

Celebrate Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild.

New life, new hope, to all he brings,

Listen to the angels sing:

Glory, glory, glory to the new born King! Jesus!

SOMEWHERE IN MY MEMORY.

John Williams

All voices in harmony:

Candles in the window,
Shadows painting the ceiling,
Gazing at the fire-glow,
Feeling that gingerbread feeling.

Unison:

Precious moments, special people, happy faces

Harmony:

I can see

Men:

Somewhere in my mem'ry
Christmas joys all around me.

Sops and altos in unison:

Living in my mem'ry

Harmony:

All of the music, all of the magic,
All of the fam'ly, home here with me

All in Harmony

Oo----- Oo-----

Sops and altos in unison, followed by the men.

S&A: La la la la la----la----la----la----

Men la la la la----la----la----la----

Sops and Altos:

Precious moments, special people,

Men:

Happy faces, I can see.

All in Harmony: (Solo Soprano descant)

Somewhere in my mem'ry, Christmas joys all around me.

Living in my mem'ry

All of the music, all of the magic

All of the fam'ly home. here with me

Here with me.

DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH

Ding dong! merrily on high
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with Angel singing.

Gloria,
Hosanna in excelsis! (x2)

E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!"
By priest and people sungen.

Gloria,
Hosanna in excelsis! (x2)

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.

Gloria,
Hosanna in excelsis! (x2)

GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN

1 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,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy

3 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,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy

2 From God our heavenly 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,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy

4 Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

ABIDE WITH ME

Men please omit words in brackets unless otherwise indicated

Solo: *I have a home, eternal home; but for now, I walk this broken world.*

You walked it first, You know our pain; but you show hope can rise again up from the grave.

Abide with me, abide with me, don't let me fall, and don't let go. Walk with me and never leave

ALL: Ooh _____ don't _____ let me go _____ Walk with me, and never leave
Ever close, God abide with me.

There in the night, Gethsemane, Before the cross, (before) the nails.

Overwhelmed alone you prayed, (You met us) in our suffering, and bore our shame.

Abide with me, abide with me, Don't let me fall, and don't let go.

Walk with me (and) never leave. Ever close, God abide with me.

Oh love that will not ever let me go, love that will not ever let me go.

Men: You never let me go, (**S&A "Oh"**) Love that will not ever let me go. (**A:** won't let go)

(**S&A**) And up ahead, eternity. (**All**) We'll weep no more, and sing for joy, abide with me.

We'll weep no more, and sing for joy, abide with me.

Abide with me, abide with me. Don't let me fall, and don't let go.

Walk with me (and) never leave, Ever close God abide with me.

Ever close, God abide with me. Ever close, God abide with me.

BETTER IS ONE DAY

Solo (Any voice) verse 1

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.
My soul doth long and even faints for You.
Here my heart is satisfied within your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus.

Better is one day in your courts, Better is one day in your house,
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in your courts, Better is one day in your house,
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.

Unison (Sops & Altos) Harmony (men)

One thing I ask and I would seek, to see your beauty;
To find you in the place your glory dwells.

Chorus.

Better is one day in your courts, Better is one day in your house,
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in your courts, Better is one day in your house,
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.

All.

Unison. My heart and flesh cry out, for you the living God,

Harmony Your spirit's water to my soul,

Unison. I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me.

Harmony I will draw near to you, I will draw near to you, to you!

Chorus.

Better is one day in your courts, Better is one day in your house,
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in your courts, Better is one day in your house,
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.

KEYCHANGE AND DESCANT

Chorus.

(Descant) Better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere. X2

Better is one day in your courts, Better is one day in your house,
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in your courts, Better is one day in your house,
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Thousands elsewhere.

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.