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## **AMERICA**

### **(MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE)**

(Samuel Francis Smith)

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountainside  
Let freedom ring.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake,  
Let all that breathe partake,  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountainside  
Let freedom ring.

## **BENEDICTION**

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Come and join hands together friends,  
Let us work and sing,  
That we may never see a Winter  
That cannot end in Spring.

## **DAME OF THE DANCE**

I danced in the morning when the world  
was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars  
and the sun.  
Now I come to the city and I dance  
in the Square.  
And if you dance, too, then we'll  
dance up a scare.

## **Chorus:**

Dance, dance, wherever you may be.  
I am the Dame of the Dance, said she.  
And I'll meet you all, wherever you may be.  
And I'll meet you all in the dance, said she.

I dance for the banker and for AIG;  
But they will not dance & they will not join  
with me.

I dance for the workers & for students,  
as well;

And they come with me & we dance  
like hell. **Cho**

I danced on a Friday when the sky  
turned black;

It's hard to dance with the devil on  
your back.

They tore down our tents and they thought  
we'd gone.

But we are the dance & we still go on. **Cho**

They tossed us out but we leapt up high  
For we are the dance that can never,  
never die.

I'll live for you, and you'll live for me  
For we are the dance and we'll always be.

**Cho**

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**Continued**

## CHARIOTS OF CHERUBIM

O Shepherd O shepherd come leave off  
your piping  
Come listen come learn come hear  
what I say  
For now is the time that has  
long been forespoken  
For now is the time there'll be new  
tunes to play  
For soon there comes one who brings  
a new music  
Of sweetness and clarity none can compare  
So open your heart for heavenly harmony  
Here on this hill will be filling the air

### Chorus:

With chariots of cherubim chanting  
And seraphim singing hosanna  
And a choir of archangels a-caroling come  
Hallelujah Hallelu  
All the angels a-trumpeting glory  
In praise of the Prince of Peace!

See on yon stable the starlight  
is shimmering  
And glimmering and glistening  
and glowing with glee  
In Bethlehem blest this baby of bliss will be  
Born here before you as bold as can be  
And you'll be the first to hear  
the new symphony  
Songs full of gladness and glory and light  
So learn your tunes well and play  
your pipes proudly  
For the Prince of Paradise plays here  
tonight. **Cho**

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Bring your sheep bleating to this  
happy meeting  
To hear how the lamb with the lion shall lie  
It's mooing and braying you'll hear the  
song saying  
The humble and lowly will be the most high  
Let the horn of the herdsman be heard  
up in heaven  
For the gates are flung open for all who  
come near  
And the simplest of souls shall  
sing to infinity  
Lift up and listen and you shall hear. **Cho**  
The warmonger's charger will thunder  
for freedom  
The gun-maker's furnace will dwindle  
and die  
And muskets and sabers and swords  
shall be sundered  
Surrendered to the sound that is  
sweeping the sky  
And the shoes of the mighty shall dance to  
new measures  
And the jackboots of generals shall jangle  
no more.  
As sister and brother and father and mother  
Agree with each other the end to all war.  
**Cho**  
As a candle can conquer the  
demons of darkness  
As a flame can keep frost from the  
deepest of cold  
So a song can give hope in the  
depths of all danger  
And a line of pure melody soar in your soul  
So sing your songs well and sing  
your songs sweetly  
And swear that your singing it  
never shall cease  
So the clatter of battle and drums of disaster  
Be drowned in the sound of the pipes of  
peace. **Cho**

## APPLE-TREE WASSAIL

Lily-white, lily-white, lily-white pin,  
Please to come down and let us come in.  
Lily-white, lily-white, lily-white smock,  
Please to come down and pull back the lock.

### Chorus:

Our wassail, jolly wassail;  
Joy come to our jolly wassail.  
Oh well they may bloom, how well they  
may bear,  
That we may have apples and cider  
next year.

Master and mistress, oh, are you within?  
Please to come down and let us come in.

### Cho

There was an old farmer and he  
had an old cow,  
But for to milk her, he didn't know how.  
He put his old cow all in his old barn,  
And a little more liquor won't  
do us no harm.  
Harm, me boys, harm; Harm, me boys,  
harm;  
A little more liquor won't do us no harm.

### Cho

Lily-white, lily-white, lily-white pin,  
Please to come down and let us come in.  
Lily-white, lily-white, lily-white smock,  
Please to come down and pull back the lock.

### Cho

## DECK THE HALLS, OCCUPY

Deck the streets with sign and banner,  
Fa la la la la la la la la.  
Tis the Year of the Protester,  
Fa la la la la la la la la.  
Don we now our warm apparel,  
Fa la la la la la la la la.  
Troll the newborn Occupy carol,  
Fa la la la la la la la la.

Continued

Hear the chanting crowds before us, Fa ...  
Strike the drum and join the chorus, Fa ...  
Follow us in mighty measure, Fa ...  
While we tell of looted treasure, Fa ...  
Fast away the old year passes, Fa ...  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa ...  
Sing we outraged all together, Fa ...  
Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa ...  
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## DECK THE HALLS

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Tis the season to be jolly,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la ...  
Troll the ancient Yule tide carol, Fa la la ...  
See the blazing Yule before us, Fa la la ...  
Strike the harp and join the chorus. Fa la la  
Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la ...  
While I tell of Yule tide treasure, Fa la la ...  
Fast away the old year passes, Fa la la ...  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa la la ...  
Sing we joyous, all together, Fa la la ...  
Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa la la ...

## THE FIRST NOEL

The First Noel, the Angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as  
they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

### Chorus:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the East beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night.

### Cho

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This star drew nigh to the northwest  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest  
And there it did both Pause and stay  
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay.  
**Cho**

### **GLOUCESTERSHIRE WASSAIL**

#### **Chorus:**

Wassail, wassail all over the town  
Our toast it is white and our ale it is brown  
Our bowl it is made of the white maple tree  
With the wassailing bowl, we'll drink to thee

So here is to Cherry and to his right cheek  
Pray God send our master a good piece  
of beef

And a good piece of beef that may  
we all see

With the wassailing bowl, we'll drink  
to thee. **Cho**

And here is to Dobbin and to his right eye  
Pray God send our master a good  
Christmas pie

A good Christmas pie that may we all see  
With the wassailing bowl, we'll drink to  
thee. **Cho**

And here is to Colly and to her long tail  
Pray God send our master he never may fail  
A bowl of strong beer! I pray you draw near  
And our jolly wassail it's then you  
shall hear. **Cho**

Come butler, come fill us a bowl of the best  
Then we hope that your soul in  
heaven may rest

But if you do draw us a bowl of the small  
Then down shall go butler, bowl and all

### **GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN**

God rest ye merry, gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember, Christ, the Saviour  
Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray

#### **Chorus:**

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

In Bethlehem, in Jewry,  
This blessed Babe was born  
And laid within a manger  
Upon this blessed morn  
The which His Mother Mary  
Did nothing take in scorn. **Cho**

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  
Of beauty and of grace. **Cho**

God rest ye merry 99 let nothing you dismay  
For there's an occupation come  
to our town today  
To free us all from domination  
By big money's sway. **Cho**

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## GOOD KING WENCESLAS

Good King Wenceslas looked out  
On the feast of Stephen  
When the snow lay round about  
Deep and crisp and even  
Brightly shone the moon that night  
Though the frost was cruel  
When a poor man came in sight  
Gath'ring winter fuel  
“Hither, page, and stand by me  
If thou know'st it, telling  
Yonder peasant, who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?”  
“Sire, he lives a good league hence  
Underneath the mountain  
Right against the forest fence  
By Saint Agnes' fountain.”  
“Bring me flesh and bring me wine  
Bring me pine logs hither  
Thou and I will see him dine  
When we bear him thither.”  
Page and monarch forth they went  
Forth they went together  
Through the rude wind's wild lament  
And the bitter weather  
“Sire, the night is darker now  
And the wind blows stronger  
Fails my heart, I know not how,  
I can go no longer.”  
“Mark my footsteps, my good page  
Tread thou in them boldly  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage  
Freeze thy blood less coldly.”  
In his master's steps he trod  
Where the snow lay dinted  
Heat was in the very sod  
Which the Saint had printed  
Therefore, all good men, be sure  
Wealth or rank possessing  
Ye who now will bless the poor  
Shall yourselves find blessing.

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## THE HOLLY AND THE IVY

The holly and the ivy,  
When they are both full grown  
Of all the trees that are in the wood  
The holly bears the crown

### Chorus:

O the rising of the sun  
And the running of the deer  
The playing of the merry organ  
Sweet singing of the choir

The holly bears a blossom  
As white as lily flower  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To be our sweet Saviour. **Cho**

The holly bears a berry  
As red as any blood  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To do poor sinners good. **Cho**

The holly bears a prickle  
As sharp as any thorn;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
On Christmas Day in the morn. **Cho**

The holly bears a bark  
As bitter as any gall;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
For to redeem us all. **Cho**

The holly and the ivy  
Now both are full well grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the wood,  
The holly bears the crown. **Cho**

## IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to men  
From heavens all gracious King!”  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

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Still through the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled;  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world:  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

O ye beneath life's crushing load,  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow;  
Look now, for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing;  
Oh rest beside the weary road  
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
By prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever-circling years  
Shall come the time foretold,  
When the new heaven and earth shall own  
The Prince of Peace, their King,  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

### **JOY TO THE WORLD**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks,  
    hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

She rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of Her righteousness,  
And wonders of Her love,  
And wonders of Her love,  
And wonders, wonders, of Her love

Joy to the world the time has come  
Let us our kinship prove:  
We're here to live together  
In every kind of weather  
Let every life improve, Let every life  
    improve  
Let every, every life improve.

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### **JULIAN OF NORWICH**

Loud are the bells of Norwich and the  
    people come and go,  
Here by the tower of Julian, I tell them what  
    I know,

#### **Chorus:**

Ring out bells of Norwich  
And let the people come and go,  
All shall be well again, I know.

Love, like a yellow daffodil, is coming  
    through the snow,  
Love, like a yellow daffodil, is lord of  
    all I know. **Cho**

Ring for the yellow daffodil, the flower in  
    the snow.

Ring for the yellow daffodil, and tell them  
    what I know, **Cho**

All shall be well, I'm telling you, let the  
    winter come and go,  
All shall be well again, I know.

## **JINGLE BELLS**

Dashing through the snow  
In a one horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way  
Bells on bob tails ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to laugh and sing  
**A sleighing song tonight.**

### **Chorus:**

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh

A day or two ago  
I thought I'd take a ride  
And soon Miss Fanny Bright  
Was seated by my side  
The horse was lean and lank  
Misfortune seemed his lot  
We got into a drifted bank  
And we, we got upsot. **Cho**

Now the ground is white,  
Go it while you're young,  
Take your girl tonight  
And sing a sleighing song.  
Just get a bob tail bay,  
Two-forty for its speed,  
Hitch him to an open sleigh  
And crack!, you'll take the lead! **Cho**

**Continued**

Tromping through the snow  
With a big handwritten sign  
Through the town we go  
Cause things are not just fine  
The banksters got away  
with 16 trillion bucks  
What about the rest of us?  
Are we just out of luck?

### **Chorus:**

No! Occupy, Occupy, Occupy we say!  
Oh what fun it is to come and  
Occupy today!  
Occupy, Occupy, Occupy we say!  
Oh what fun it is to come  
and Occupy today!

The bankers came along  
And took us for a ride  
Now we are waking up  
Don't feel so good inside  
Our money is all gone  
Our infrastructure too  
Who is going to change all this?  
It's up to me and you! So - **Cho:**

## **O COME, ALL YOU FAITHFUL**

O come all you faithful  
Joyful and indignant  
O come, you, O come, you,  
To Occupy.  
Come on and join us  
Help us sing our hearts out.

### **Chorus:**

O come and stand together  
O come and march together  
O come and sing together  
Strong and loud.

**Continued**

Sing, choirs of rebels,  
Sing in indignation,  
Sing, all you citizens  
Of earth, here and now.  
Tell all your stories  
Tell them to the highest. **Cho**  
Banks, now we greet you,  
At this happy noontime,  
All we are asking you  
Is: Do the right thing.  
Stop the foreclosures,  
Oh, and pay your taxes. **Cho**

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### **RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER**

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer  
had a very shiny nose.  
And if you ever saw him,  
you would even say it glows.  
All of the other reindeer  
used to laugh and call him names.  
They never let poor Rudolph  
join in any reindeer games.  
Then one foggy Christmas Eve  
Santa came to say:  
“Rudolph with your nose so bright,  
won’t you guide my sleigh tonight?”  
Then all the reindeer loved him  
as they shouted out with glee,  
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,  
you’ll go down in history!

### **O CHRISTMAS TREE**

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree  
How beautiful your branches,  
Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree,  
How beautiful your branches,  
Not only green in summer’s heat  
But also winter’s snow and sleet,  
Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree,  
How beautiful your branches.

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree,  
Of all the trees most lovely,  
Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree,  
Of all the trees most lovely,  
Each year you bring to me delight,  
Gleaming in the Christmas night,  
Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree,  
Of all the trees most lovely

### **PLEASE TO SEE THE KING**

Joy, health, love, and peace be all here in  
this place  
By your leave, we will sing concerning  
our King.

Our King is well dressed, in silks of the best  
In ribbons so rare, no king can compare  
We have traveled many miles, over hedges  
and stiles  
In search of our King, unto you we bring  
Old Christmas is past, Twelfth Night  
is the last  
And we bid you adieu, great joy to the new

### **SILENT NIGHT**

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ, the Saviour is born  
Christ, the Saviour is born  
Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

## THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the first day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
A partridge in a pear tree.

- 12) Twelve drummers drumming,
- 11) Eleven pipers piping,
- 10) Ten lords a-leaping,
- 9) Nine ladies dancing,
- 8) Eight maids a-milking,
- 7) Seven swans a-swimming,
- 6) Six geese a-laying,
- 5) Five golden rings,
- 4) Four calling birds,
- 3) Three French hens,
- 2) Two turtle doves,
- 1) And a partridge in a pear tree!

## UP ON THE ROOFTOP

Up on the rooftop reindeer pause  
Out jumps good old Santa Claus  
Down through the chimney with lots of toys  
All for the little ones, Christmas joys

### Chorus:

Ho, ho ho! Who wouldn't go? Ho, ho ho!  
Who wouldn't go?

Up on the rooftop, click, click, click  
Down through the chimney with old Saint  
Nick

First comes the stocking of little Nell  
Oh, dear Santa fill it well  
Give her a dolly that laughs and cries  
One that will open and shut her eyes. **Cho**

Next comes the stocking of little Will  
Oh, just see what a glorious fill  
Here is a hammer and lots of tacks  
Also a ball and a whip that cracks. **Cho**

## VINE AND TREE

And everyone 'neath vine and tree,  
Shall live in peace and unafraid.  
And everyone 'neath vine and tree,  
Shall live in peace and unafraid.  
And into ploughshares beat their swords,  
Nations shall learn war no more,  
And into ploughshares beat their swords,  
Nations shall learn war no more.

Lo yis-a goy el goy che-rev,  
Lo yil madu ad mil-ch-ma. (Repeat)  
Lo yis a goy el goy che rev,  
Lo yil madu ad mil cha ma (Repeat)

## WE THREE KINGS OF WALL STREET ARE

We three kings of Wall Street are  
Filching funds to travel afar  
Fjord and fountain,  
Taj and mountain,  
Following our ruthless star. O ...

### Chorus:

Star of plunder, star of night,  
Star with lev'raged monies bright,  
We are using, others losing,  
Guide us to hardhearted heights.

Born with silver spoons in our maws,  
Gold we grabbed to load up our paws,  
Kings forever,  
Peasants never,  
We are above the laws. O ...

[a fantasy:]

Myrrh is ours, its bitter perfume  
Breathes a whiff of gathering gloom,  
Sor-r'wing, sighing, falling, crying,  
Perp-walked unto our doom. O ...

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