

# Eleven Christmas Carols with Suggested Alternate Words

All words adapted from the Wings of Song hymnal.

Suggested altered words are in red. The purpose was to change as few words as possible and stay congruent to our theology.

## Angels We Have Heard On High (#279)

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains.  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria - in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heavenly song.

Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing  
**Giving thanks** on bended knee **Jesus is the Christ in me.**  
(Or **Whom we'll follow and be free. Joyously our anthems ring.**)

## Behold the Star (#276)

Behold the star, the wondrous star  
That leads to Christ in you.  
The wise have followed from afar and found the promise true.  
Oh let the bells in rapture ring and peace it's joy impart;  
For he is come, **good news to bring:** the Christ in every heart.  
(also **Jesus shows us how to bring** the Christ **to** every heart.)

Upon this day **when** love supreme relights the inner flame  
And we who walked as in a dream awake to know **God's** name.  
For **Christ** is here whom we adore oh happy thought and sweet!  
(also **"We know of him from ancient lore** oh happy thought and sweet.)  
Forever and forever more, the Christ in you I greet.

## Go Tell It On the Mountain (#269)

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

VS 1

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light

VS 2

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the **Christ child's** birth.

VS3

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born  
**The earth in celebration was** blessed Christmas morn

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (#274)

Hark! The herald angels sing.  
**Love is born our joy we bring**  
Peace on earth and mercy mild.  
**God and children . . .**  
Joyful all ye nations rise.  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic hosts proclaim  
Love is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
Love is born our joy we bring!

Hail, the heaven-born, light of peace.  
Hail the rise of consciousness!  
Light and life to all Love brings  
Risen with healing in its wings.  
Mild we lay love's glory by,  
Born that we no longer die,  
Born to raise us all on earth,  
Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing.  
Love is born our joy we bring!

### It Came Upon A Midnight Clear (#272)

Vs1

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, good will to men,  
**good tidings from heaven we bring.**  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing

Vs 2 & 3 ok

### Joy to the World (#280)

Joy to the World!  
**The Christ is born. Let earth her glory bring.**  
**Let every heart prepare it room. (Or Prepare a room)**  
Christ Love has come.  
Let earth her glory bring  
Let every heart prepare Love room  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the World! The Spirit reigns;  
Let us, our songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

We heal the world from truth and grace,  
And let the nations know  
The glories of **new consciousness**  
And wonders of **God's** love,  
And wonders of God's love,  
And wonders, wonders of God's love.

### Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (#262)

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
O Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.  
It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter  
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind

With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore us a messiah,  
when half spent was the night.

### O Come, O Come Emmanuel (#260)

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the **light of God** appear  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O Come Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And light the path where love and joy does lie.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

### O Come, All Ye Faithful (#286)

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
**Come and rejoice - Born of hope within us**  
(or **Come and Behold him, born the light within us.**)

CHORUS:

O come, let us **rejoice now**  
O come, let us **rejoice now**  
O come, let us **rejoice now**  
Christ, within. (or **For Christ is within.**)

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of **heaven on earth**  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.

#### CHORUS

WOS third verse adapted  
**Jesus we greet thee**, born this happy morning.  
Jesus to thee be all honor given.  
Word of **Creation**, now in flesh appearing  
O come let us **behold** him

#### Silent Night (#270)

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  
Wondrous star, lend thy light  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our king  
Christ within us is born!  
Christ within us is born!

WOS Verse 2 adapted  
Silent night holy night  
shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar.  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ **within us** is born . . . .

WOS Vs 3 adapted  
Silent Night, Holy Night  
**Child** of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
**Greet** the dawn of redeeming Grace  
Jesus **humble at** birth, Jesus **so humble at** birth.

WOS VS 4 as is

Holy light perfect light Christ of God oh how bright  
Doth they spirit shine always  
Healing blessing us each day  
with thy heavenly love  
With thy heavenly love

### Additional Verses

Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Jesus comes as a Spirit-filled Child:  
God-like Infant so tender and mild.  
Sleep in heavenly peace.  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night.  
Christ within, gives us sight.  
Shining brightly, a heavenly star  
Helps us to learn  
just who we really are.  
Jesus, our teacher is born,  
Jesus, our teacher is born.

### The First Noel

Refrain  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the son of Israel

Verses are ok.