



Park, Porch, and Sidewalk Sings

Fill the Night
with Music and Light



Community Christmas
CAR-ol Sing-Along
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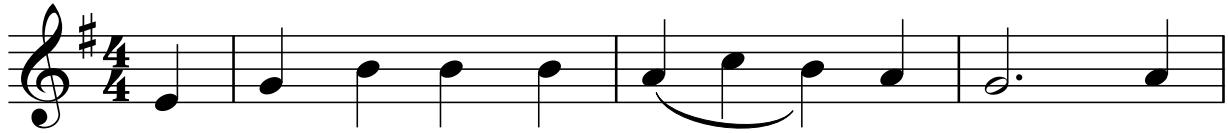
Pastor Bill Bryan, Narrator:

Greetings. We are from Abingdon Baptist Church. Welcome to our Community Christmas Carol Sing-Long -- a *Park, Porch, and Sidewalk Sing*, a project of singers across the country to "fill the night with music and light!"

This year has been a difficult one in so many ways. As the classic Advent hymn says, "O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer, our spirits by Thine advent here." We hope our music and light in this nighttime of our lives will cheer your spirits and will be part of binding "all people in one heart and mind."

Sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O Come, O Come Emmanuel



O come, O come, Em - ma - nu - el, And
O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our
O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All



ran-som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
spi - rits by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloo - my
peo - ples in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and



ex - ile here, Un - til the Son of God ap -
clouds of night, And death's dark sha - dows put to
quar - rels cease; Fill the whole world with hea - ven's



pear.
flight.
peace.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - ma - nu -



el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Narrator: The beloved song "O Come, All Ye Faithful" invites us to come to Bethlehem and behold the Christ child. But in this time of pandemic, we will remind you in the midst of this song that it isn't advisable to come and behold... too close!

Sing "O Come, All Ye Faithful" AND "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" 3

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. Stay home, all you faith - ful, pru - dent and pro - tect - ed. Stay
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 home now, stay home ye now, wher - ev - er you are;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 six feet be - tween you, shar - ing peace ver - bal - ly.
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
 Stay home and wash your hands; stay home and wash your hands;

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!
 stay home and wash your hands and clean your hearts.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear



1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old, from
 2. It came up-on a quar-an-tine, that om-i-nous song of old, From
 3. For lo! the days are has-tening on by C - D - C fore - told, When



an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold; "Peace
 doc - tors fret - ting o'er the earth to warn "this ain't a cold!" "Peace
 CO - VID-nine - teen fi - n'ly is a page from his - tory old. Un -



on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all - gra - cious King": the
 on the earth, good will to all" is still our cry to - day, But
 til that day, good cit - i - zens, hold on to this one thing: Main -



world in sol - emn still - ness lay, to hear the an - gels song.
 please ex - tend that true good will from six full feet a - way!
 tain good so - cial dis - tan - cing to hear each oth - er sing!

Narrator: In the classic carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem," it is the hamlet of Bethlehem that is small. But in this next carol, we sing about a tiny thing that has changed so many lives this year—a virus. In this carol, we thank all those people who have put their lives on the line to bring relief and help, and we remember that every little tiny thing we can do to help someone's suffering is really a big contribution to our communities.

Sing "A Tiny Thing We Cannot See" (tune of "O Little Town of Bethlehem")

A Tiny Thing We Cannot See

Tune: O Little Town of Bethlehem



1. A ti - ny thing we can - not see or taste or feel or hear, has
2. But man - y help - ers brave this plague and serve those most in need, and
3. Yet there are oth - er tin - y things to cheer each anx - ious heart, a



shut down near - ly half our world and brought dis - tress and fear. We've
of - fer com - fort, help and care through man - y a word and deed. We
smile, a wave, a car - ing note, though we must stay a - part; a



read a - bout the plagues of old: now a vi - rus gone a - stray has
thank our true and gal - lant ones who risk their lives to bring re -
phone call, e - mail, face - book, skype, can curb anx - i - e - ty, while



caused much sick - ness, death and grief, with new re - ports each day.
lief and help to sick - ened folk touched by that tin - y thing.
faith and hope and love a - bound to keep our spir - its free.

Narrator: As a expression of gratitude to our front-line healthcare workers - here in Abingdon and around the nation -

Let's blow our horns and flash our headlights.

Now let's sing the classic carol we know and love:

“O Little Town of Bethlehem,”.

O Little Town of Bethlehem



1. O lit - tle town of Beth-le-hem, How still we see thee lie! A -
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, And gath-ered all a - bove, While
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won-drous gift is giv'n! So



bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light; The
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth, And
No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin, Where



hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!
meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.

Narrator: The next song has a birthday this year! “This Little Light of Mine” is 100 years old! That’s one hundred years of encouraging us to let our light shine, especially in the midst of hard times. This song was a powerful witness during the Civil Rights Era and we would like you to join us tonight as we “fill this night with music and light” and commit to continue the work to make the world a better place. You can do this most safely by singing with sign language .

Sing “This Little Light of Mine” AND “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

This Little Light of Mine

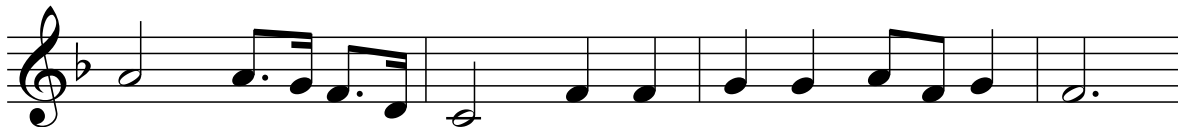


This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon - na let it shine,
This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon - na let it shine,
This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon - na let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

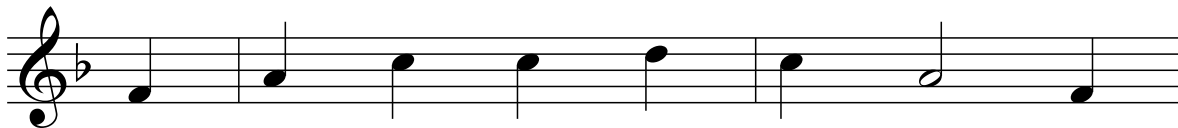
Go, Tell It on the Mountain



Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery-where;



go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.



1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er
2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when
3 Down in a low - ly sta - ble the



si - lent flocks by night, be - hold, through - out the
lo! a - bove the earth rang out the an - gel
hum - ble Christ was born, and God sent us sal -



heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.
cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Narrator: One of the most beloved moments of Christmas Eve is when we gather together, light our candles, and sing "Silent Night." We will not be able to pack our churches and sing safely together this year so we want to give you that opportunity right now to be surrounded by light and love and remember that "calm and bright" is the way that this world is meant to be. Let us do all we can to offer this to a hurting and weary world. Let this be our prayer.

Sing "Silent Night" AND "Joy to the World"

Silent Night

Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 Si - lent night! ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight,
 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light,

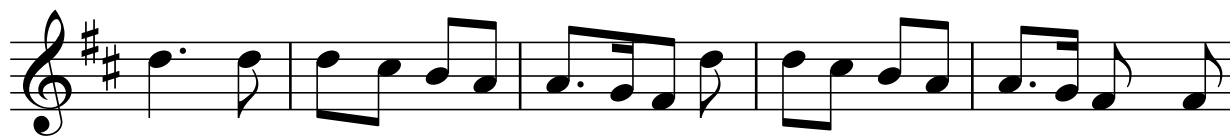
5 E \flat B \flat E \flat B \flat
 'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - enly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia;
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

9 F7 B \flat B \flat /F F7 B \flat
 sleep in heav - enly peace, sleep in heav - enly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth! Je - sus Lord, at thy birth!

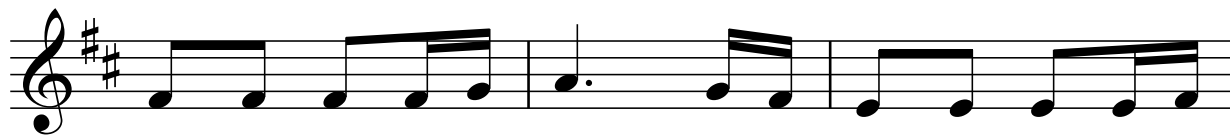
Joy to the World



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-ceive her
 2. Joy to the world, the Sa - vior reigns! Let all their songs em
 3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



King; let ev - ery_ heart___ pre - pare him_ room,___ and
 ploy; while fields and_ floods, rocks, hills, and_ plains___ re -
 ground; he comes to___ make___ his bles sings flow___ far
 prove the glo - ries_ of___ his right - eous - ness,___ and



heaven and na - ture___ sing, and_ heaven and na - ture___
 peat the soun - ding_ joy, re - peat the soun - ding_
 as the curse is___ found, far___ as the curse is___
 won - ders of his___ love, and_ won - ders of his___



sing, and_ heaven and heaven,___ and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat_ re - peat___ the soun - ding joy.
 found, far___ as___ fa as___ the curse is found.
 love, and_ won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Narrator: Thank you for joining us for our Community Christmas Carol Sing-Along, a *Park, Porch, and Sidewalk Sing*, joining our voices with people all over the country as we offer this message of love and light.

We hope that you have felt some cheer and you are reminded that we are all one human family. And...

“we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Quarantine!”

Sing “We Wish You a Merry Christmas/Happy Quarantine”

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

(We Wish You a Happy Quarantine)



1. We wish you a mer-ry Christ - mas. We wish you a mer-ry
2. We wish you a hap-py quar - an - tine, We wish you a hap-py



Christ - mas. We wish you a mer-ry Christ - mas And a Hap - py New Year.
quar - an-tine, We wish you a hap-py quar - an-tine, So please stay in there.



Good ti - dings we bring to you and your kin, We wish you a mer-ry
Stay six feet a - way from all of your friends. We wish you a hap-py



Christ - mas And a Hap - py New Year.
quar - an - tine, So please stay in there.

Notes

“O Come, O Come Immanuel.” Tune: VENI IMMANUEL (Chant). Meter: 8.8.8.8.8.8
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Translated by J. M. Neale, 1851.

“O Come, All Ye Faithful.” Tune: ADESTE FIDELES. Meter: Irregular with refrain.
Original text and music attributed to John Francis Wade, “Adeste Fideles.” Translated by
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“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.” Tune: CAROL (Willis). Meter: 8.6.8.6 D. Original text
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“A Tiny Thing We Cannot See.” Tune: ST. LOUIS (Redner), [“O Little Town of
Bethlehem”]. Meter: 7.6.8.6 D. Original text and tune by Phillips Brooks, 1868. “A Tiny
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“This Little Light of Mine.” Tune: [This Little Light of Mine]. Meter: Irregular. African-
American Spiritual.

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain.” Tune: GO TELL IT. Meter: Irregular. African-American
Spiritual, adapted by John W. Work. Image from Hymnary.org.

“Silent Night.” Tune: STILLE NACHT. Meter: Irregular. Text by Joseph Mohr, 1818.
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“Joy to the World.” Tune: ANTIOCH. Meter: 8.6.8.6. Text by Isaac Watts, 1719.
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