

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Traditional

1. God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
Em B7 Em

C Am B7
Let nothing you dismay,

Em B7 Em
For Jesus Christ our Saviour

C Am B7
Was born on Christmas-day,

Am G
To save us all from Satan's pow'r

Em D
When we were gone astray:

G C D B7 Em
Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy,

D
Comfort and joy,

G C G B7 Em
O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. In Bethlehem, in Israel,
Em B7 Em

C Am B7
This blessed Babe was born,

Em B7 Em
And laid within a manger

C Am B7
Upon this blessed morn,

Am G
The which His Mother Mary

Em D
Did nothing take in scorn:

G C D B7 Em
Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy,

D
Comfort and joy,

G C G B7 Em
O tidings of comfort and joy.

3. From God our Heav'nly Father
Em B7 Em

C Am B7
A blessed angel came,

Em B7 Em
And unto certain shepherds

C Am B7
Brought tidings of the same,

Am G
How that in Bethlehem was born

Em D
The Son of God by name: Refrain:

4. The shepherds at those tidings
Em B7 Em

C Am B7
Rejoiced much in mind,

Em B7 Em
And left their flocks a-feeding

C Am B7
In tempest, storm and wind,

Am G
And went to Bethlehem straightway,

Em D
This blessed Babe to find: Refrain:

5. But when to Bethlehem they came,
Em B7 Em

C Am B7
Whereat this Infant lay,

Em B7 Em
They found Him in a manger,

C Am B7
Where oxen feed on hay;

Am G
His mother Mary kneeling,

Em D
Unto the Lord did pray: Refrain:

6. "Fear not," said the Angel
Em B7 Em

C Am B7
"Let nothing you affright.

Em B7 Em
This day is born a Saviour

C Am B7
Of the pure Virgin bright.

Am G
To free all those who trust in Him

Em D
From Satan's pow'r and might":

G C D B7 Em
Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy,

D
Comfort and joy,

G C G B7 Em
O tidings of comfort and joy.

7. Now to the Lord sing praises,
Em B7 Em

C Am B7
All you within this place,

Em B7 Em
And with true love and brotherhood

C Am B7
Each other now embrace;

Am G
This holy tide of Christmas

Em D
All other doth deface:

G C D B7 Em
Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy,

D
Comfort and joy,

G C G B7 Em
O tidings of comfort and joy.

