

## Hymns for Christmas Eve

### O Come, all Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant, o come ye, o come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the king of angels.

**Refrain:** Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, venite adoremus,  
Do-mi-num.

Lo, humble shepherds, hastening to his cradle, leaving their flocks in the fields, draw near. We, too, with gladness, thither bend our footsteps.

- **Refrain.**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; o sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest.

- **Refrain.**

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
and gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King  
and peace to all the earth.

### It Came Upon the 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, to all good will,  
From heaven, the news we bring."  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

But with the woes of war and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel strain  
Have rolled two thousand years of wrong;  
And we who fight the wars hear not  
The love song which they bring.  
O hush the noise of battle strife,  
And hear the angels sing.

For, lo! the days are hastening on,  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes 'round the age of gold:  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.