



A Catalogue of Christmas Carols

by

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Year	Title	Words	Illustration	Vocal scoring
1967	When Christ was born	Anon. 15th cent.	None	SATB
1968	In a field as I lay	Anon. 15th cent. - altered	Heather Byers	SA + S solo
1969	Balulalow (there's also a revised 1973 version)	Martin Luther in a 1567 Scottish translation	Heather Byers	SATB
1970	A litel childe there is ibore	Anon. 15th cent.	DB	SSA + S solo
1970	<i>Hilariter (an arrangement for Trinity Sunday, May 1970)</i>	<i>German Trad. 16th cent.</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>SA + perc</i>
1970	What tidings bring'st us messenger	Anon. 15th cent.	None	SATB
1971	Till on the Cristmes day	Anon. 15th cent.	Heather Byers	SATB + TB solos
1972	Entre le boeuf et l'âne gris	Anon. 13th cent.	Anon. 15th cent.	SATB
1973	A Loobeen on the Cherry Tree Carol	Traditional	Nativity, Augsburg 1471	Solo & chorus ad lib.
1974	Adam lay ybounden	Anon. 15th cent.	Composite	SATB
1975	A Carol for Epiphany	Anon	Anton Sorg, 1476	SATB
1976	[None]			
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1978	Three Christmas Spirituals: Mary had a baby; Rise up, shepherd; The Virgin Mary had a baby boy	Two spirituals and a West Indian Carol	Virgin Mary woodcut (source unknown)	S + piano
1979	[None]			
1980	Nowell sing we	c.1450 Bodleian Library	Florence 1740 via <i>The Every-Day Book</i> , 1827	SSA
1981	Christmas Night	Hugh MacCawell, late 16th cent.	Unspecified, probably 15th cent.	SATB
1982	Jesu, almighty king of bliss	15th cent. English	Artois c.1445 <i>The Annunciation of the Unicorn</i>	SSA
1983	Adoration of the Shepherds at the Nativity	Fragment from the Chester Miracle Play	Pierre Le Rouge for Guy Marchant's <i>Shepherd's Calendar</i> 1491	SSATB
1984	[None]			

1985	Tomorrow shall be my dancing day	English traditional broadside ballad	Uncredited medieval woodcut	SATB
1986	Three White-Note Charms (with the magic C# blue-whitener)	Lady Jane Wilde (<i>Speranza</i>)	Book of Durrow	SATB with divisions
1987	Druid's carol	Joseph Campbell 'By a wondrous mystery' (<i>The Gilly of Christ</i>)	Woodcut, Lyon 1507	Solo mezzo with choral A & T
1988	Ecce puer	From 'The Play of Herod' (Fleury playbook, 12th cent.)	Nativity, French School, 9th cent.)	SSATBB
1989	Make we merry	Commonplace Book of Richard Hill (Balliol MS.354)	Festival of the Cobblers of Paris, 1641	SABar
1990	A New Year Carol	Traditional	<i>Nativity</i> from Biber's Mystery Sonatas	SATB
1991	For Christmas Day	Luke Waddinge <i>A Small Garland of Pious and Godly Songs</i> (Ghent 1684)	Woodcut by John Campbell (<i>Songs of Uladh</i> , 1904)	SATB
1992	A babe is born	Early 15th cent.	Woodcut, 16th cent.	SA / TB
1993	I follow a star	Joseph Campbell	Stencilled star	SATB with divisions
1994	A Carol for New Year's Day	From <i>New Christmas Carols</i> , (printed for Francis Coles, dwelling in the Old Baily, 1642)	Woodcut by John Campbell for 'The Ninepenny Fidil' (<i>Songs of Uladh</i> , 1904)	SSA
1995	Herrick's Carol	From <i>Hesperides</i> , 1648 by Robert Herrick	15th cent. woodcut with pipes and drums	SATB
1996	Sweet was the song	William Ballet's Lute Book	Woodcut book title page uncredited	SATB
1997	Dormi Jesu	From Brentano and von Arnim's <i>Des Knaben Wunderhorn</i>	Woodcut uncredited (perhaps 16th cent.)	SATB with divisions
1998	Nativity Dances	DB	Woodcut uncredited (perhaps 16th cent.)	SATB
1999	Away in a manger	Anon. 19th cent. American	9th cent. French school (Chartres)	SATB
2000	When Christ was born	Harleian MS.5396 c.1450	Woodcut – <i>The Nativity</i> , Albrecht Dürer, 1503	SATB
2001	The Burning Babe	Robert Southwell	Uncredited 19th cent. illustration	SATB

2002	Quem pastores	14th cent. German	<i>The Nativity</i> from <i>Horae</i> (London prob.1497)	SATB
2003	A Wee Wassail of Wishes	Trad.	Commercial Christmas card c.1950s	SATB
2004	Herrick's Carol	From <i>Hesperides</i> , 1648 by Robert Herrick	<i>A Christmas Carol</i> engraving by 'Phiz', 1855	SSA
2005	Eastern Monarchs	Anon. English trans. of 15th cent. Latin	Early 20th cent. commercial French Christmas card.	SSA
2006	Ave rex angelorum	15th cent. Epiphany carol	<i>Les Rois</i> – 1930s commercial French Christmas card.	SATB
2007	The holly and the ivy	Trad.	Personal Christmas card for the American Henrietta d'Aran, c.1916	SATB
2008	Tomorrow shall be my dancing day	English traditional broadside ballad	Commercial French Christmas card, c.1905	SSA
2009	Apple Tree Wassail	English traditional	Commercial French Christmas card, 1908	SATB
2010	To these high lands	Susan L. Mitchell (<i>Christmas Carols</i> , Cuala Press, 1914)	Sir Henry Cole's first Christmas card, 1843	SATB
2011	Christmas	Susan L. Mitchell, Cuala Press, 1912	Polish Christmas card, c.1932	SATB
2012	My dancing day	Anon, 20th cent.	German Christmas card c.1899. Indecipherable artist's name.	SABar
2013	Simple gifts	Joseph Brackett, Jun., 1848	German hand-painted card c.1940	SATB
2014	Ceremonies for Christmase	From <i>Hesperides</i> , 1648 by Robert Herrick	<i>Czech Joyful Holidays</i> card by Antonin Slavíček, c.1900	SATB
2015	A Christmas Carol	George Wither, from <i>Fair-virtue, the Mistresse of Philarete</i> , 1622	Czech card by Josef Lada, 1938	SATB
2016	The Jolly Shepherd	Anon. 15th cent., Richard Hill's <i>Commonplace Book</i> , Balliol College, Oxford, MS 354	Czech Christmas card, 1906	SATB

2017	A Christmas Carol	G.K. Chesterton, from <i>The Wild Knight and Other Poems</i> , 1900	Personal card for Minna Rider with Lippi's <i>Madonna and Child with Angels</i>	SATB
2018	The Red Christmas	W.H. Draper from <i>The Spectator</i> , Christmas Day 1915	French wartime Christmas card, 1915	SATB with divisions
2019	A babe is born	Anon. 15th cent., Sloane MS 2593	Swedish Christmas card by Birger, 1920s	SATB
2020	Now is Yule come with gentle cheer	Anon, October 1500	French (?) Christmas card c.1910	SATB
2021	Triads, three times three	Irish trad. (9th cent.) with additions	Three Wise Men New Year card by Grete Gräf (Vienna c.1947)	SSATB
2022	Out of the orient crystal skies	Anon, 17th cent.	1914 German card by Karl Schwetz	SABar
2023	A Christmas Carroll	George Wither (1588-1667) from <i>A Miscelany</i> [sic], 1622	1918 Swiss card for Pro Juventute by Ernst Kreidolf (1863-1956)	SATB