

1 As With Gladness Men Of Old

William Chatterton Dix 1859

1.

As with gladness men of old, did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we, evermore be led to thee.

2.

As with joyful steps they sped, to that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before, him whom heav'n and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet, ever seek thy mercy seat.

3.

As they offered gifts most rare, at that manger rude and bare,
So may we, with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

4.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day, keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last,
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

5.

In the heav'nly country bright, need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing. Alleluias to our King.

6.

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Did you know?

This Carol was written when William was ill in bed. Maybe he'd had too much Christmas pud!

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Intro

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second and third staves contain the main melody with lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the piece. Chord symbols are placed above the notes to indicate the harmonic structure.

C D/C G/B C G/D D⁷ G G D⁷ G
As with ___ glad - ness

C/E D⁷/F[#] G C D/C G/B C G/D D G G D⁷ G
men of old, did the guid - ing star be - hold, As with ___ joy they

C/E D⁷/F[#] G C D/C G/B C G/D D G G D/F[#] G
hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward beam - ing bright, So, most grac - ious

D G C D/C G/B C G/D D⁷ G
Lord, my we, ev - er - more be led to thee.

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2 **Auld Lang Syne**

Robert Burns 1796

1.

Should old acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?
Should old acquaintance be forgot, and old lang syne?

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

2.

And surely you'll buy your pint cup! And surely I'll buy mine!
And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

3.

We two have run about the slopes, and picked the daisies fine;
But we've wandered many a weary foot, since auld lang syne.

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

(continued...)

4.

We two have paddled in the stream, from morning sun till dine;
But seas between us broad have roared, since auld lang syne.

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

5.

And there's a hand my trusty friend! And give us hand o'thine!
And we'll take a right good-will draught, for auld lang syne.

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.



Did you know?

In countries other than Scotland the hands are often crossed from the beginning of the song at variance with Scottish custom. The Scottish practice was demonstrated by Queen Elizabeth II at the Millennium Dome celebrations for the year 2000. Some press outlets berated her for not “properly” crossing her arms, unaware that she was correctly following the Scottish tradition.

2 Auld Lang Syne

Robert Burns

Intro

Should
old a-cquaint-ance be for-got, and nev - er brought to mind? Should
old a-cquaint-ance be for-got, and old lang syne? For
auld lan - g syne, my dear, For auld lang syne, We'll
take a cup of kind - ness yet, For auld lang syne. And

2.

And surely you'll buy your pint cup! And surely I'll buy mine!
And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

Chorus

For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne,
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Repeat Chorus

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3 **Away In A Manger**

William J. Kirkpatrick 1895

1.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes,
I love thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3.

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.



Did you know?

Being one of the best known Carols has led to many variants of the words over the years.

3 Away In A Manger

Intro

William J. Kirkpatrick

Chords: Gm, Gm, C, F, Dm, Gm, C⁷, F, F, C, F, F, Dm, Gm/F, C/E, F, Dm, G, C, F, C, F, F, Dm, Gm, Gm, C, F, Dm, Gm, C⁷, F, Dm, Gm, C⁷, F

Lyrics:
 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a
 bed, The lit - tle Lord Jes - us laid down his sweet
 head, The stars in the bright sky looked down where he
 lay, The lit - tle Lord Jes - us, a sleep on the
 hay.

2.

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