

# 04 God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The chords indicated above the notes are: Em, B, Em, B, Am, Bm7, B7, Em, D, G, C, B7, Em, D, G, B7, Em.

1. God rest ye merry, gentlemen. Let nothing you dismay.  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came.  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

3. The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm, and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem straightway this blessed babe to find:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

4. But when to Bethlehem they came, whereat this infant lay  
They found him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay;  
His mother Mary kneeling, unto the Lord did pray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

5. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.