

ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT

folk carol was collected by Ralph Vaughan Williams at Monk's Gate, in 1904. Its first phrase can be sung antiphonally with a divided chorus. The carol's dance-like quality lends itself well to choreography.

d. = 92

trad. English
arr. Marshall Barron

On Christ-mas night all peo - ple sing, to hear the news - the

D C B A G A

an - gels bring. On Christ - mas night all peo - ple sing, to hear the news - the

G D C B A G A

needed: G A B C D E

an - gels bring: News of great joy, — news of — great

B G D A A A C D B

Birth, — News of our mer - ci - ful — King's birth, —

A D E D C B A A { D G

3. All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night
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Which made the angels sing this night
'Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore. Amen.'

(m) On Christmas Night (Carol)

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GOD REST YOU MERRY

London Melody, 18th century,
harmonized by W. D., 1940*Fast*

- 1 God rest you mer-ry, gen-tle-men, Let noth-ing you dis-may,
2 From God our heav'n-ly Fa-ther A bless-ed an-gel came;

Refrain

O ti-dings of com-fort and joy, com-fort and

Re-mem-ber Christ our Sa-viour Was born on Christ-mas Day;
And un-to cer-tain shep-herds Brought ti-dings of the same;

joy; O ti-dings of com-fort and joy!

3 "Fear not, then," said the angel,
"Let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him
From Satan's power and might."

Refrain

4 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
Doth bring redeeming grace.

Refrain

London Carol, 18th cent.