

GLEN ROCK CAROLERS ASSOCIATION

Key (First Note)

1. CHRISTMAS HYMN – 1848 - D

Christians, awake! salute this happy morn
Whereon the Saviour of this world was born.
Rise to adore the mystery of love,
Which hosts of Angels chanted from above.
With them the joyful tidings first begun
Of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told.
Who heard the angelic herald's voice, behold
I bring glad tidings of a Saviour's birth
To you and all the nations upon earth.
This day hath God fulfilled His promised word.
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

2. INCARNATION OF CHRIST – 1848 – A (E)

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground, All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around, And glory shone around,
And glory shone around.

"Fear not" said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind.
Had seized their troubled mind.)
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind, To you and all mankind,
To you and all mankind.

"All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace, And to the earth be peace,
Good will henceforth, from heaven to men,
Begin and never cease, Begin and never cease,
Begin and never cease".

3. HARK! HARK! – 1848 - A

Hark! Hark! what news the angels bring,
Glad tidings of a new born King,
Born of a Maid, a Virgin pure.
Born without sin, from guilt secure. From guilt secure,
Born without sin, from guilt,
Born without sin, from guilt secure.

Hail mighty Prince, eternal King,
Let Heaven and earth rejoice and sing.
Angels and men with one accord
Break forth in songs to praise the Lord, to praise the Lord.
Break forth in songs to praise,
Break forth in songs to praise the Lord.

HARK! HARK! (continued)

Echoes shall waft the strains around,
Till listening angels hear the sound,
And all the Heavenly Hosts above
Shall join to sing redeeming love, redeeming love,
Shall join to sing redeem,
Shall join to sing redeeming love.

4. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST – 1848 - F

What are those soul reviving strains
Which echo thus from Salem's plains?
What anthems loud, and louder still
So sweetly sound from Zion's hill?

Chorus:

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna.

Lo! 'tis a youthful chorus sings,
Hosanna to the King of Kings;
Nor those alone their voice shall raise,
For we will join this song of praise.

5. YE FAITHFUL – 1850s - A

Ye faithful, Triumphant, Enter into Bethlehem,
Enter, oh enter, with joyful sound,
Tidings, glad tidings, Sent from Heaven by Angels,

Chorus:

Oh come let us adore, Oh come let us adore,
Oh come let us adore, And praise ye the Lord.

A Virgin, conceived, Bore the world a Saviour;
God of Gods and Light of Lights.
Hail! Holy Infant, Very God of Very God.

6. GLORY TO GOD – 1890s – G (B)

Glory to God, the angels sing,
Over the earth their voices ring;
Glad are the tidings now they bring,
The Prince of Life is born.

Chorus:

Glory, glory in the highest,
Glory, glory in the highest,
Glory, glory in the highest,
Peace good will to men.

Bright are the angels clothed in light.
Bright is the glory of that night;
Brighter the manger welcome sight!
The Prince of Life is born.

7. **THE CHRISTMAS TREE** – 1890s – Bb (D)

We're a Christian band, Around we stand,
To gaze on the beautiful tree,
Where are gifts for all, The great and small,
And gifts for you and me:
There are dolls and toys, for girls and boys,
And candy, fruit and books we see!
'Tis a splendid, splendid Christmas tree,
A splendid Christmas tree.

We rejoice, rejoice, with heart and voice
To see such a beautiful tree;
And we praise and bless The Righteousness
That comes to you and me:
He it was, Who gave Himself, to save
The people one and all, below;
Then a true and faithful life we'll give
To Him who loved us so.

8. **O JESUS, STAR OF THE MORNING** – 1890s - Bb

O Jesus, Star of the Morning, beautiful, beautiful, Star!
Glad is my heart at Thy dawning, beautiful, beautiful Star!
Alone I sat by the wayside weary,
The sky was dark, and the night was dreary,
Till Thou didst rise, my Saviour, beautiful, beautiful Star!

O Jesus, Star of the Morning, beautiful, beautiful Star!
Dear is the light of Thy dawning, beautiful, beautiful Star!
How deep and sad was the night of sorrow,
No gleam of hope with its glad tomorrow,
Till Thou didst rise, my Saviour, beautiful, beautiful Star!

9. **SOFTLY, SWEETLY THRO' THE AIR** – 1890s – F (C)

Softly, sweetly thro' the air, Hear the angels singing:
Christ the Lord is born today, Peace on earth is bringing.
Love divine in Him revealed, Love, al love excelling.
Tho' He in a manger lay, Hearts shall be His dwelling.
Hearts shall be His dwelling.

Chorus:

Softly, sweetly thro' the air, Hear the angels singing:
Christ the Lord is born today, Peace on earth is bringing.

Shepherds gathered at His feet, Loving hearts outpouring;
While above the Holy One, Angels bent adoring.
They who worshipped Jesus there, Knew not half the measure
Of the fullness of His grace, Of His love the treasure,
Of His love the treasure.

10. **SILENT NIGHT** – 1930s – C (G)

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: Alleluia!
Christ, the Saviour, is born. Christ, the Saviour, is born.

11. **WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS** – Bb (F)

Chorus:

We wish you a Merry Christmas.
We wish you a Merry Christmas.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Good tidings to you wherever you are.
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

12. **DOXOLOGY** - Bb

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

13. **WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN** – 1986 – F#

When Christ was born of Mary free
In Bethlehem that fair city.
Angels sang with mirth and glee,
In Excelsis gloria!

Chorus:

In Excelsis gloria! In Excelsis gloria!
Angels sang with mirth and glee,
In Excelsis gloria!

The King is come to save mankind
As in the scripture we will find;
And this song we have in mind,
In Excelsis gloria!

14. **RAISE CHRISTIANS RAISE** – 2003 - A

Raise Christians Raise your voices high
On this delightful morn, On this delightful morn.
Let loud hosannas fill the sky,
For Christ the Lord is born,
For Christ the Lord is born,
For Christ the Lord is born.

He comes the Saviour promised long,
Shepherd of Israel's fold, Shepherd of Israel's fold.
Sing Seraphs sing your loudest song
And strike your harps of gold,
And strike your harps of gold,
And strike your harps of gold.

15. **AWAKE, ARISE GOOD CHRISTIANS** – 2013 – Bb (D)

Awake, arise good Christians, Let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ, our Saviour, was born upon this day.
The self-same moon was shining that now is in the sky,
When a holy band of angels came down from God on high.

Chorus:

'Hosannah, Hosannah!' to Jesus we'll sing.
'Hosannah, Hosannah! Our Saviour and King.'

'Fear not, we bring good tidings, for on this happy morn,
The promised one, the Saviour, in Bethlehem's town was born.'
Up rose the simple shepherds, all with a joyful mind,
'Then let us go in haste' they say, 'this Holy Child to find.'