



The Hillside Centre, Chorleywood

A Chiltern Christmas

Sunday 8 December 2024

Christmas is Coming

H Walford Davies (1869–1941)

En! Natus est Emmanuel

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

I Sing of a Maiden

Traditional words, music by Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)

Away in a Manger

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
3. I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray,
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with you there

Christmas-tide

Bob Chilcott (1955-)

In the Bleak Midwinter

Words Christina Rossetti (1830-1894); music Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Still, Still, Still

Austrian carol arranged by Normal Lubhoff (1917-1987)

Do you hear what I hear?

Words and music by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne

The Holly and the Ivy

Traditional, arranged John Rutter (1945-)

Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child
2. He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.
3. And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above,
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.
4. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars His children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Christmas Night

Words and music by John Rutter (1945-)

White Christmas

Words and music by Irvin Berlin, arranged by Mac Huff

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
On a one horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way
Bells on bob tail ring,
making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight

Chorus

*Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh*

Now the ground is white
Go it while you're young
Take the girls tonight
And sing this sleighing song
Just get a bob tailed bay
two-forty as his speed
Hitch him to an open sleigh
And crack! you'll take the lead

*Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh*

O Come All Ye Faithful

Traditional

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the King of Angels:
*O come, let us adore Him, x3
Christ the Lord.*
2. God of God, light of light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created:
Chorus
3. See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear.
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:
Chorus
4. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, in the highest:
Chorus

Somewhere in my Memory

Words by Leslie Bricusse. Music by John Williams, arranged by Johnny Mann

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Traditional

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

A partridge in a pear tree	Five gold rings	Nine ladies dancing
Two turtle doves	Six geese a-laying	Ten lords a-leaping
Three French hens	Seven swans a-swimming	Eleven pipers piping
Four calling birds	Eight maids a-milking	Twelve drummers drumming

We Wish you a Merry Christmas

Traditional West Country carol arranged by Arthur Warrell (1883-1939)

With thanks to our accompanist, Teresa Game