KS2 Carol service 2023

Entrance-Once in Royal David's City

(Verse 1 one solo group 4-6 children from Y3-Y6)

verse 2 onwards 'all' to join in.) Children to come on stage

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.

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.

For He is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day, like us, He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles, like us He knew;
And He cares when we are sad
And he shares when we are glad.

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.

Reading: Isaiah 1 x Y6, 1 x Y3, 1 x Y4, 1 x Y5

Emmanuel – When is he coming (Whole of KS2)

Emmanuel

When is he coming,
When, oh when is he coming
The Redeemer

When will we see him,
When oh when will we see him
The Redeemer

Come, oh come, from your kingdom up there
From your kingdom up there above

Come, oh come, to your people on earth
To your people on earth bring love

Emmanuel!
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Emmanuel!

Long years awaiting
Many years here awaiting
The Redeemer
Ready to greet him, always ready to meet him,
The Redeemer!

Come, oh come, from your kingdom up there
From your kingdom up there above

Come, oh come, to your people on earth
To your people on earth bring love

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Reading: The Annunciation 1 x y3, 1 x y6, 1 x y5

Magnificat

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My soul glorifies the Lord
My spirit rejoices
My God forever he will be
Bless his holy name.

(Mary comes on from the back)

He looks upon me, his servant
Looks on me in my lowliness
He works marvels for me
Hence forth all ages call me blessed
Call me blessed.

(Angel Gabriel comes on from the back)

He fills the starving with plenty
But empty sends the rich away
From age to age his mercy
The mercy promised us forever
Promised forever.

(Angel Gabriel and Mary go off)

Do you hear what I hear? (Whole of KS2)

(Y6 BOYS - girls echo)
Said the night wind to the little lamb,
Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
Do you see what I see?

(Y6 sing together)
A star, a star,
Dancing in the night,
With a tail as big as a kite,
With a tail as big as a kite.

(Y5 &6 BOYS- girls echo)
Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?

(Y5 and 6 sing together)
A song, a song,
High above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea,
With a voice as big as the sea.

(Y4, 5 & 6 boys, girls echo)
Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king.
Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king.
Do you know what I know?

(Y6, 5 & 4 sing together)
A child, a child,
Shivers in the cold.
Let us bring him silver and gold,
Let us bring him silver and gold.

(All boys- girls echo)
Said the king to the people everywhere,
Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people everywhere,
Listen to what I say!

(All sing together)

The child, the child,
Sleeping in the night,
He will bring us goodness and light,
He will bring us goodness and light.

Reading: The journey to Bethlehem 1 x Y6 1 x Y4

Joseph she's tired (Whole of KS2.) (+ Dance)

(PIANO PLAYS WHILE DANCERS GET INTO POSITION)

Joseph she's tired
(Y6 &5) No room at the inn
Joseph she's tired
They won't let you in
Joseph she's tired
Oh where can you stay
Joseph she's tired
It's been a long, long day.

1. The little town of Bethlehem
Is crowded out to night
And every place is full
There's not a single room insight

2. At ev'ry house that Joseph tries
The answer is the same
So sorry there's no spare room here
You'll have to try again

3. The only place in Bethlehem's
A stable warm and dry
And there among the animals,
A place for her to lie.

Mary and Joseph come at the end of the song

(PIANO TO PLAY AS THEY COME ON AND DANCERS RETURN TO THEIR SEATS)

Reading – The birth of Christ. 1 x Y5, 1 x Y3

Oh little town of Bethlehem (All sing)

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

(SHEPHERDS COME UP THE AISLE)
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And Peace to men on earth
For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love

(ANGEL GABRIEL UP THE AISLE)
How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
(Louder) No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

(STAR ON) Where children pure and happy
Pray to the blessed Child,
Where misery cries out to Thee,
Son of the Mother mild;
Where Charity stands watching
And Faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.

Reading – The Angels visit the Shepherds. 1 x Y5, 1 x Y4, 1 x Y3

Love shone down. (Year 5.) (MARY STANDS HOLDING BABY JESUS)

I had a dream that I was standing on a hillside
And all the lights of town
were shining far below
When up in the air beautiful voices
Sing a new song, let everyone know,

Oh and love shone down
over the hills and over the valleys,
Oh and love shone down over the world

Somebody spoke to me
I knew it was an angel
He said there's something
that I think you ought to know.
Then he just smiled, said don't be afraid now.
Sing a new song, let everyone know

And then he told me all about the baby Jesus,
How to find him where exactly I should go.
Then he was joined by millions of others
Sing a new song, let everyone know

Well did I dream or was I really on that hillside
On that Christmas night so very long ago,
When he was born Jesus our Saviour
Sing a new song let everyone know

Reading – The three wise men 1 x Y4, 1 x Y3, 1 x Y4, 1 x Y6 1 x Y5

3 Wise Men from the Orient **(All Sing.)** (KINGS PROCESS UP THE AISLE)

There were three wise men from the Orient

Great and noble kings in the east
Bearing gifts of gold, precious myrrh and frankincense
For a child born king of Kings

And they travelled afar
To follow a star
To follow a star to Bethlehem
And they travelled afar
To follow a star
All the-way to Bethlehem.

From the dawn of time and through history
There was much foretold of this king
From the scriptures reading the ancient prophecies
In the sky now signs revealed.

And they travelled afar
To follow a star
To follow a star to Bethlehem
And they travelled afar
To follow a star
All the-way to Bethlehem.

As the wise men searched for the baby king
To Jerusalem's splendour they strayed
'Twas a humble stable in little Bethlehem
Where at last they found him laid.

And they travelled afar
To follow a star
To follow a star to Bethlehem
And they travelled afar
To follow a star
All the-way to Bethlehem.

Reading – St John, 1 x Y6, 1 x Y6

Good King Wenceslas (All sing)

Good King Wenceslas looked out
On the feast of Stephen
When the snow lay round about
Deep and crisp and even
Brightly shone the moon that night
Though the frost was cruel
When a poor man came in sight
Gath'ring winter fuel

(Y6) "Hither, page, and stand by me
If thou know'st it, telling
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"
(Y5)"Sire, he lives a good league hence
Underneath the mountain
Right against the forest fence
By Saint Agnes' fountain."

(Y3/4) "Bring me flesh and bring me wine
Bring me pine logs hither
Thou and I will see him dine
When we bear him thither."
(All) Page and monarch forth they went
Forth they went together
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather

(Y5) "Sire, the night is darker now
And the wind blows stronger
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer."
(Y6) "Mark my footsteps, my good page
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

(All) In his master's steps he trod
Where the snow lay dinted
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed
Therefore, Christian men, be sure
Wealth or rank possessing
Ye who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.

Away in a manger-(Year 3)

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

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 'til morning is nigh.

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.

Prayers – KS2 Pupils. 1 x Y6 (leads the sign of the cross) 1 x Y5, 1 x Y5, 1 x Y3, 1 x Y4

Silent night or Oh Holy Night (Year 4)

Silent night

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 halleluiah
Christ the saviour is born
Christ our saviour is born

Silent night, holy night
Son of God
Love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at thy birth
Jesus Lord at thy birth

Blessing Fr Joseph

The King of Glory. – Year 6 (as the other classes go out)

1. Jesus the King of Glory
Jesus the King of Love

You’re the Lord of all armies
And I lift my hands, open my heart.
I kneel in awe of your unending love

Because I love you

Because I love you

And through the sacred mysteries

I follow saints from history

In walking on the road of endless love.

2. Jesus I am not worthy

To have you under my roof

Jesus I am not worthy

Just say the word, may your truth be heard.

My soul it shall be healed because of you.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.

Forever.

3. Jesus the King of Mercy

Jesus the King of Grace

You’re the lamb that has saved us,
And here beside the one who died.
To offer up my life to him who saves.

Chorus

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.

Forever. Forever. Forever. Forever.