

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

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Musical notation for the first system, measures 1-4. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody in the treble clef consists of quarter notes in the first two measures, followed by a half note in the third measure and a quarter note in the fourth measure. The lyrics 'God' are written under the final note. The bass line consists of a whole note in the first measure, followed by quarter notes in the second and third measures, and a whole note in the fourth measure.

Musical notation for the second system, measures 5-8. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody in the treble clef consists of quarter notes in the first two measures, followed by quarter notes in the third measure and a half note in the fourth measure. The lyrics 'rest you mer ry, gen tle men, Let noth ing you dis may, For' are written under the notes. The bass line consists of whole notes in all four measures.

Musical notation for the third system, measures 9-12. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody in the treble clef consists of quarter notes in the first two measures, followed by quarter notes in the third measure and a half note in the fourth measure, then quarter notes in the fifth measure and a half note in the sixth measure, and finally quarter notes in the seventh measure and a half note in the eighth measure. The lyrics 'Je sus Christ our Sa vi our Was born up on this day, To save us all from Sa tan's power When' are written under the notes. The bass line consists of whole notes in the first four measures, followed by quarter notes in the fifth and sixth measures, and a half note in the seventh measure and a whole note in the eighth measure.

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1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, or Jesus Christ our Saviouras born upon this day, To save us all from Satan's powerhen we were gone astray: tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. In Bethlehem, in Jury, This blessed Babe was born, and laid within a manger Upon this blessed morn, The which His Mother Mary Did nothing take in scorn: O tidings ...

3. 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 ...

4. The shepherds at those tidings Rejoicéd 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 ...

5. 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 ...

6. 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 ...