

THE DRAYTON BASSETT VILLAGE ENTERTAINMENT GROUP PRESENT

# CAROLS IN THE CROFT



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# O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

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,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Sing, alleluia,  
All ye choirs of angels;  
O sing, all ye blissful ones of heav'n above.  
Glory to God  
In the highest glory!.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be the glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in the flesh appearing,

# ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed  
There 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, oppressed and wholly  
Lived on earth our Savior holy

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 along  
To the place where He is gone

## ○ LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
and, gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King  
and peace to all the earth.

## ○ LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray,  
cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Immanuel!

# THE FIRST NOEL

The First Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
in fields as they lay;  
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

# THE FIRST NOEL

This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
O'er Bethlehem it took it rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then entered in those wise men three  
Full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought



# <sup>\*</sup><sup>\*</sup>DING <sup>\*</sup><sup>\*</sup>DONG MERRILY ON HIGH

Ding-dong! Merrily on high  
in heaven the bells are ringing.

Ding-dong! Verily the sky  
is riven with angels singing:  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so, here below, below,  
let steeple bells be swungen;  
and i-o, i-o, i-o,  
by priest and people sungen!  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime  
your matin chime, you ringers;  
may you beautifully rhyme  
your evetime song, you singers:  
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

# RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer  
had a very shiny nose  
and if you ever saw it  
you would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer  
used to laugh and call him names  
They never let poor Rudolph  
play in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas eve  
Santa came to say:  
"Rudolph with your nose so bright,  
won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then all the reindeer loved him  
as they shouted out with glee,  
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,  
you'll go down in history!

# LITTLE DONKEY

Little donkey, little donkey  
On the dusty road  
Gotta keep on plodding onward  
With your precious load  
Been a long time little donkey  
Through the winters night  
Don't give up now little donkey  
Bethlehem's in sight

Ring out those bells tonight  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem  
Follow that little star tonight  
Bethlehem, Bethlehem

Little donkey, little donkey  
Had a heavy day  
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way  
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her

Little donkey, little donkey  
Journey's end is near  
There's a guiding star up in the  
Heaven shining clear  
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way  
Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way

# AWAY IN A MANGER

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

# AWAY IN A MANGER,

I love You, 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

# 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 Alleluia,  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born  
Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

Please join us in the Village Club  
immediately after the Carols for free Mulled  
Wine and Mince Pies for the Adults with  
Chocolate Biscuits for the Children  
accompanied by more festive music from  
the Drayton BRASSetsts.



With thanks to the residents of the Croft for  
allowing us once again to use their courtyard  
and with special thanks this year to the  
Drayton BRASSetsts for their fantastic music.