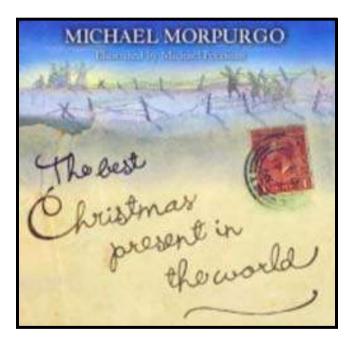
- 2. Hither, page, and stand by me If thou know'st it, telling Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?" "Sire, he lives a good league hence Underneath the mountain Right against the forest fence By Saint Agnes' fountain."
- 4. "Sire, the night is darker now And the wind blows stronger Fails my heart, I know not how, I can go no longer." "Mark my footsteps, my good page Tread thou in them boldly Thou shalt find the winter's rage Freeze thy blood less coldly."
- 3. "Bring me flesh and bring me wine Bring me pine logs hither Thou and I will see him dine When we bear him thither." Page and monarch forth they went Forth they went together Through the rude wind's wild lament
- 5. 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

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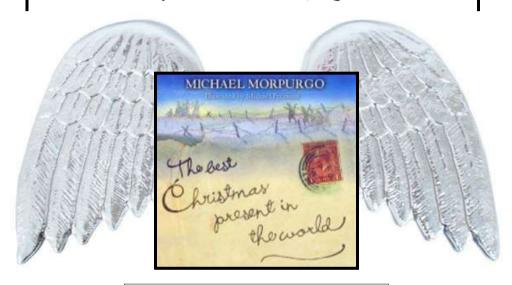
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The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Silent Night, Holy Night

(During this Carol, congregation moves back outside)

1. Silent night, holy night All is calm, all is bright; Round you virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace,

Sleep in heavenly peace.

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Alles schläft; einsam wacht Nur das traute hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar, Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh! Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

1. repeat of 1st verse:

2. Silent night, holy night, **Shepherds first saw the sight:** Glories stream from heaven afar, **Heavenly hosts sing alleluia:** Christ the Saviour is born,

Christ the Saviour is born!

3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light: Radiance beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Good King Wenceslas

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

We Three Kings

(During this Carol a Collection will be Taken)

1. We three kings of Orient are Bearing gifts we travel afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star:

Chorus:

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a king on Bethlehem plain, Gold I bring to crown him again: King for ever, ceasing never, Ever us all to reign.

O star of wonder, star of night, etc.

3. Frankincense for Jesus have I, God on earth yet Priest on high; Prayer and praising all men raising: Worship is earth's reply.

O star of wonder, star of night, etc.

4. Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume Tells of his death and Calvary's gloom; Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in a stone-cold tomb.

O star of wonder, star of night, etc.

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 in the hay.

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.

O Little Town of Bethlehem. (During this Carol, congregation moves into Church)

- 1. 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.
- 3. How silently, how silently,
 The wondrous gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of his heaven.
 No ear may hear his coming;
 But in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive him, still
 The dear Christ enters in.
- 2. 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.

Little Donkey

1. Little donkey, little donkey, On the dusty road, Got to keep on plodding onwards With your precious load. Been a long time, little donkey, Through the winter's night. Don't give up now, little donkey, Bethlehem's in sight.

2. Ring out those bells tonight, Bethlehem, Bethlehem. Follow that 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 way.

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.

Chorus 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.

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

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

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

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

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

'To you in David's town this day Is born of David's line A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be the sign:

> 'The heavenly babe you there shall find To human view displayed, All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, And in a manger laid.'

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith Appeared a shining throng Of angels praising God, who thus Addressed their joyful song:

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