

Christmas Cracker!

Performance Notes for Teachers



Welcome to the *Christmas Cracker!* concert which brings together fun, uplifting and quirky repertoire, along with more well-known seasonal songs.

In this pack you'll find some useful teaching notes along with the lyrics. Sheet music is in a separate booklet for anyone who would like to use it. Please take care to follow the instructions on how to sing the music so that we all end up singing in the same way in the concert. Some songs are very simple, and you will only need to teach one verse which then repeats a few times. Other songs are a little more challenging and will take more time to learn. This year, there are even more opportunities for harmony singing and there is guidance on how you might make this work to suit your group's singing experience.

There are accompanying learning tracks for each song, with individual tracks for any harmony parts. Please listen to each song before teaching it so you get an idea of how long the phrases are, where singers should (and shouldn't) breathe and where to put words endings. It would be great if we could have a really tight and uniform sound in the performance. Take care particularly with the well-known songs as the versions we are singing might have slightly different rhythms to the original tunes.

Have fun learning these songs, I'm sure the concert will be as epic as ever!

Good luck,

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SHEET MUSIC (separate pack)

Programme Notes

Cowboy Carol

This is a song many grown-ups will remember from their school days! It's a jolly song and a great concert opener.

The concert opens with this piece. Pupils will move from the back of the hall to the stage as the band starts and will begin singing once we're all on stage.

Notes

- Take care to sing the ends of each phrase full length. Practice placing the consonants together, as per the recording.
- Please note, the words in the chorus are always the same: 'When I climb up to my saddle, gonna take him to my heart.' The music might have errors in it.
- The phrase 'That'll streak like lightning fire and take away the hate from every land' rises and falls and needs to be controlled so we don't speed up. Encourage children to use their 'wow' faces to get the top note in that phrase. Try to sing the whole phrase in one breath.
- In the 'Yoi, yippee' section, encourage children to slide up to the yippee and half sing, half speak the 'yip' of 'yippee'. Have fun with this moment!
- Note that the word 'heart' in the final chorus is longer than previous verses. The last phrase is also slightly different to previous choruses.
- There is some optional harmony in this song.

Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow

A well-known Christmas song, written in 1945 and made famous by Dean Martin in 1959. The song feels Christmassy although there is no mention of Christmas in the song at all!

The opening isn't often sung but the audience will recognise the song as soon as the main tune comes in.

Notes

- In the opening section, please sing the phrase 'If he had a brain he'd complain' all in one breath.
- This is a good example of a song where our version is a little bit different to what you might remember from the original. Please listen to the recording.
- We repeat the main bit of the song twice and that's it. Simple!

Mistletoe

Mistletoe is sung by the iconic singer, Justin Bieber. Whilst not a particularly new song, some children might know it so again, please make sure the children sing what's on the recording rather than the original song.

Notes

- There is an optional second harmony part, which is aimed at the secondary schools. If you'd like to have a go, please do!
- The word 'shawty' is a slang word describing a pretty girl. It's meaning is not derogatory, so please don't worry about this.
- The rhythms are a little tricky in places (lots of words to fit in) so it will help if you familiarise yourself with the recording before teaching it to the children.

Sing a Song of Christmas Cheer

This is a cracking Christmas song! It's quite long and wordy but it's very catchy and fun to sing. Listen out for snippets of some well-known Christmas carols.

Notes

- The second part (the 'carol snippets' section after verse 2) is hugely important so please teach everyone both parts and I will split the choir into two groups on the concert day, depending on where your school is sitting.
- In the two-part section, please hold the note lengths as long as written. For example, group 2 will sing 'Good King Wenceslas looked out...' and hold the word 'out...' whilst group 1 comes in with 'Angels from the realms of glory...' and they also hold the last note, and so on.
- In the choruses, try not to breathe after 'Christmas time' but sing through the phrase.
- After the final chorus, jump to the Coda (the ending). If you can, teach both parts to everyone but this bit could be sung in unison if necessary (sing part 2, not part 1).

Do They Know It's Christmas Time

One of the most famous Christmas pop songs of all time, written by Bob Geldoff and Midge Ure in 1984, to raise money for the famine in Ethiopia. It was first recorded by Band Aid, a supergroup consisting of British and Irish pop stars. It was recorded in a single day in November 1984.

It's one of the few pop songs where the famous bit actually happens right at the end of the song!

Notes

- There is an optional second harmony part for anyone who would like to have a go.
- The beginning of the song is heavily syncopated so take care to get the rhythms right and use the recording as a guide.
- When we get to the famous 'feed the world' section, the tune is the lower part and the harmony is a descant. Feel free to add the harmony part in this bit, even if you didn't in the rest of the song.

Christmas Calypso

A lovely children's Christmas song in a funky calypso style. If you are using the music, please note that the second part is written above the tune in the chorus.

Notes

- There is an optional second part in this song. If you can, try to learn both parts in the chorus ('So let the bells all ring') but don't worry about the rest.
- Every time 'almost here' is sung, it should be nice and short.
- There are lots of phrases that end with 'near' and 'here' which, in this part of the country, can often be pronounced with two syllables. Try to encourage the children to raise their cheekbones and keep their mouth shape throughout those words (that will help produce a one-syllable word).

There is a Star

This is a very simple and lovely lullaby written by Sarah Budd who used to be the Vocal Lead at Walsall many years ago. It's not actually a Christmas song as such, but it lends itself perfectly to a moment of calm in our concert.

It would be lovely to start this song with a small group of children singing the first verse. Please have one child from your school ready to sing this on the day.

Notes

- There is an optional second part in this song. If you can, try to learn both parts in the chorus ('So let the bells all ring') but don't worry about the rest.

Step Into Christmas

One of the most played Christmas songs of this century, written by Elton John back in 1973.

Notes

- This is the trickiest song of the concert, so I encourage you to start learning it fairly early on in the term. It's heavily syncopated which is easy for a pop singer to do but much harder with a large choir! Please don't fall into the trap of focusing on the chorus and hoping someone else will learn the verse. Please do sing all of it.
- There are some backing vocals for the secondary schools to add. This includes the 'la la' section which primary schools don't need to worry about.

What Christmas Means to Me

This was a huge Christmas hit for Stevie Wonder back in 1967. It's really funky, in the way that most Stevie Wonder songs are!

Notes

- Another slightly trickier song with lots of off-beat rhythms. The sheet music looks a bit scary but if you listen to the recording, you'll see it's not as hard as it looks.
- If you're following the sheet music, don't try and add every single quaver rest, as it won't work. That's just a stylistic thing and we're simply aiming for some funky rhythms here.

- There are a couple of places where the choir will split into two groups with one group singing an echo ('All these things and more' and 'That's what Christmas means to me my love.'). Please have a go at splitting your school group into two and singing both parts.
- The other harmonies are backing vocals for the secondary schools.

Jingle Bell Rock

"Jingle Bell Rock" is an American Christmas song first released by Bobby Helms in 1957. It was covered much more recently (2022) by Lindsay Lohan in the film *Falling for Christmas*.

Notes

- This is a really catchy song and is sung in a swing style, rather than straight rhythms.
- I'd like to add some hand jiving to parts of this song so please have a go with the children (one action per beat):
 - Tap knees x 2
 - Clap hands x 2
 - Right palm over left palm x 2
 - Left palm over right palm x 2
 - Make a fist. Right fist taps on top of left fist x 2
 - Left fist taps on top of right fist x 2
 - Left hand touches right elbow, Bend right elbow, right arm up and roll first finger in a loop x 2
 - Repeat above but swap hands x 2
- Watch out at the end of the song as we might repeat the last phrase, eg. 'That's the jingle bell, that's the jingle bell, that's the jingle bell rock.'

Silver Bells

One of my favourite Christmas songs and I'm glad we've found a simple version of it to add to this year's concert. The duet originally features in the 1951 film *The Lemon Drop Kid* but it's had a number of covers including the amusing partnership of Aled Jones and Terry Wogan.

Notes

- The song is written to be a duet, so the harmony part features all the way through, however it's not essential in the verses.

- In the chorus, please try to teach both parts as part 2 is really simple and is mostly an echo of the tune.
- Watch out for the long notes in the chorus (part 1) and at the end.
- We'll try not to slow down until we reach the very last note which will be a long one so you might need to practice staggered ('cheeky sneaky') breathing!

The Christmas Song

This well-known song takes us right back to 1945 when it was first recorded by Nat King Cole. It was a massive hit and remains so to this day. It's been covered at least 25 times by artists such as The Carpenters, Justin Bieber and Christina Aguilera.

Notes

- This is a slow song, with lots of sustained phrases (practice drawing rainbows and don't breathe until the end of the rainbow) and needs to be sung smoothly and gently.
- Have a listen to the recording to know when to take breaths and when not to.
- Encourage children to sing the word 'choir' as a one-syllable word, not two!
- We sing the whole song twice. At the end of the first time, we won't pause on 'many way', but we will pause on it the second time.

I Wish It Could Be Christmas Every Day

The audience will be encouraged to sing along with this Christmas classic! Written by local composer Roy Wood, the original track features the voices of pupils from Stockland Green School in Birmingham. Although it's been in the charts many times since its release in 1973, the song has never reached number one.

Notes

- This song is in unison throughout. Aim for a fun, energetic sound but be careful that your singers don't over sing and use their 'shouty' voices.
- Whilst we all know the chorus, the verses are actually rather wordy and require lots of good, clear diction. Encourage singers to watch for the voiced consonants (eg. 'k' and 'c') at the ends of phrases so we can all end the word at the same time.
- There is an instrumental section after the second chorus. Do encourage your singers to come up with their own actions for this bit, or simply have fun dancing!

- The chorus repeats after the third verse and watch out when we slow down at the very end.

Thula Baba, Thula Sana

This is a gentle and very beautiful Zulu lullaby. The words translate as 'hush, hush, be quiet baby, Daddy will be back in the morning. A star will light his way home.' It is written for three equal voices but will work perfectly well in unison.

Notes

- We're singing this in the Zulu language but it's not difficult to sing as many of the sounds are similar to English. Try singing it first to or 'loo' which is a gentler vowel sound than 'la'. Once children are familiar with the tune, add the words (listen to the learning track for guidance). Mostly, what you see is what you sing with a couple of exceptions:
 - thula = toola
 - ziyekhaya = zyekaya
 - xa = za
 - bethi = betty
- The first time through will all be in unison. Let's aim for a gentle sound, avoiding 'shouty' voices.
- From the second time, we will sing in 3-part harmony. Part 2 often sings higher than Part 1 and Part 3 is the lowest part. You might choose to teach your whole group one of the parts rather than splitting into 3 voices.

NB. If you have older children (Year 7+) who can sing low, feel free to add the Cambiata part but this doesn't feature on the learning track.

Frosty the Snowman

This popular song is regularly sung at Christmas although it doesn't actually mention Christmas. Dating back to 1950, the song tells the story of a group of children who find a hat and place it on Frosty's head. Frosty laughs and plays with the children until the hot sun threatens to melt him. Frosty says goodbye to the children, reassuring them that he'll be back someday.

Notes

- This version by Lin Marsh is a commonly used one so hopefully there won't be too many anomalies when we come to performing it.

- Listen to the recording to know when to breathe and when to carry through the phrase.
- It's very easy to rush through the middle section ('There must have been some magic...') as the notes are the same length. Keep it nice and steady and encourage children to watch all the time.

Christmas On the Beach at Waikiki

I'm not sure what to say about this one... It's just silly and fun!

Notes

- There are two distinct vocal parts in this song, so I don't mind if you pick one and stick with it! If you're following the sheet music, please note that the tune is actually the second line down.
- The song begins with a smooth and gentle introduction before the fun, upbeat main section kicks in.
- This song is cheesy so feel free to ham it up! Add as many actions as you like, particularly in the moments like 'you're gonna love it'.
- There's a big danger moment at the very end of the song. The whole song is sung twice but the ending is different the second time:
 - The first ending has swung rhythms on 'Christmas on the beach'
 - The second ending starts with longer, equal rhythms on 'Christmas on the beach' and the notes remain longer through to the end.

Feliz Navidad

Our final song in the concert is the wonderfully uplifting, Spanish song, Feliz Navidad (we did it last year). Written by Jose Feliciano in 1970, it's gone on to be a hugely popular song all over the world, performed by the likes of Michael Bublé and Boney M, and featured in the TV cartoon, *Dora the Explorer*. The words in the chorus are Spanish and translate as 'merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year'.

Notes

- NB. If you are using the sheet music, please note there are a few changes to what is written. In bar 14, we anticipate the word 'año' and place it as an upbeat to bar 14. Please also note that we are singing the 1st verse words both times (ie. We're not singing 'with lots of presents').
- The first 'Feliz Navidad' chorus is sung in unison. The second chorus has a countermelody which is really important. Both parts get to sing the tune and the countermelody so teach everyone everything and then play around with groups singing different parts.

- There is a small amount of harmony at the start of each verse ('I wanna wish you...'). It would be great if you could teach both parts to your singers but if you run out of time, the tune (Part 1) will be fine.
- Watch out for the key change towards the end. The countermelody comes back here but only part of it so encourage singers to pay attention and watch.
- The song finishes with everyone shouting 'Feliz Navidad'. This time, they really can use their 'shouty' voices!
- Keep the feel of this piece light and funky and feel free to encourage children to move when singing it!



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Cowboy Carol

Words and music by Cecil Arthur Broadhurst, arranged by Glen Taylor

Chorus

There'll be a new world beginning from tonight.

There'll be a new world beginning from tonight.

When I climb up to my saddle,

Gonna take him to my heart.

There'll be a new world beginning from tonight.

Verse 1

Right across the prairie,

Clear across the valley,

Straight across the heart of every man,

There'll be a right new brand of livin'

That'll sweep like lightning fire

And take away the hate in every land.

Chorus

Verse 2

Yay! Yippe! We're gonna ride the trail.

Yay, Yipee! We're gonna ride today.

When I climb up to my saddle

Gonna take him to my heart!

There'll be a new world beginning from tonight.

There'll be a new world beginning from tonight.

Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!

Words by Sammy Cahn, music by Jule Styne, arranged by Lin Marsh

Oh, the weather outside is frightful
But the fire is so delightful.
And since we've no place to go
Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

It doesn't show signs of stoppin'
And I brought me some corn for popping.
The lights are turned way down low.
Let it snow! Let it snow!

When we finally kiss goodnight
How I'll hate going out in the storm
But if you'll really hold me tight
All the way home I'll be warm.

Oh, the fire is slowly dyin'
And, my dear, we're still goodbye-in'
But as long as you love me so
Let it snow! Let it snow and snow!

[Repeat from]

When we finally kiss goodnight...

Mistletoe

Words and music by Justin Bieber, Adam Messinger and Nasri Atweh

It's the most beautiful time of the year,
Lights fill the streets, spreading so much cheer,
I should be playing in the winter snow,
But I'm a be under the mistletoe.

I don't wanna miss out on the holiday,
But I can't stop staring at your face,
I should be playing in the winter snow,
But I'm a be under the mistletoe.

[Chorus]

With you, shawty, with you

With you, shawty, with you

With you, under the mistletoe.

Everyone's gathering around the fire,
Chestnuts roasting like a hot July,
I should be chilling with my folks, I know,
But I'm a be under the mistletoe.

Word on the street, Santa's coming tonight,
Reindeer's flying through the sky so high,
I should be making a list, I know,
But I'm a be under the mistletoe.

[Chorus x 2]

Ay love, the wise men followed the star,
The way I followed my heart,
And it led me to a miracle.

Ay love, don't you buy me nothing,
'Cause I ain't feeling one thing,
Your lips on my lips,
That's a merry, merry Christmas.

It's the most beautiful time of the year,
Lights fill the streets, spreading so much cheer,
I should be playing in the winter snow (I know)
But I'm a be under the mistletoe.

I don't wanna miss out on the holiday,
But I can't stop staring at your face,
I should be playing in the winter snow,
But I'm a be under the mistletoe.

[Chorus x 3]

Sing a Song of Christmas Cheer

Words and music by Ana Sanderson

Ring-ding-a-ding-a-ding snow,
Ring-ding-a-ding-a-ding cold winds blow,
Outside it's bleak, the trees are bare.
Ring-ding-a-ding-a-ding lights,
Ring-ding-a-ding-a-ding long, dark nights,
Yet there's excitement bubbling in air.

*It's Christmas time and the bells all ring,
It's Christmas time, can you hear the choirs sing?
'Parum-pa-pum-pum,' 'Fa-la-la-la-la-la-la,' 'It's No--well'*
*These are the sounds of Christmas time that we know well.
Forget your cares, let your troubles be,
Together we'll have a great big jamboree!*
*We'll hang up our cards, we'll put up a tree,
The baubles and lights will sparkle for me.*
*This is the merry season of the year,
So sing-a-sing-a-sing-a-sing a song of Christmas cheer.*

Ring-ding-a-ding-a-ding sledge,
Ring-ding-a-ding-a-ding mind that hedge,
Enjoy the festive fun we make.
Ring-ding-a-ding-a-ding treats,
Ring-ding-a-ding-a-ding long, games and sweets,
How will we get to sleep when we're wide awake?

*It's Christmas time and the bells all ring,
It's Christmas time, can you hear the choirs sing?
'Parum-pa-pum-pum,' 'Fa-la-la-la-la-la-la,' 'It's No--well'*

These are the sounds of Christmas time that we know well.

Forget your cares, let your troubles be,

Together we'll have a great big jamboree!

The crackers will pop, the glasses will chink,

And dishes and pots will fill up the sink.

This is the merry season of the year,

So sing-a-sing-a-sing-a-sing a song of Christmas cheer.

[Part 1]

Good King Wenceslas looked out___

Deck the hall with boughs of holly___

O little town of Bethlehem,

The first Nowell

It's Christmas time and the jingle bells go

Ring ding-a-ding-a-ding-a-ding-a-ding.

[Part 2]

Angels from the realms of glory__

Hark! The Herald angels sing,

Jingle bells,

It's Christmas time, ring ding-a-ding-a-ding

Ding dong merrily on high,

Ring high, ring high.

It's Christmas time and the bells all ring,

It's Christmas time, can you hear the choirs sing?

'Parum-pa-pum-pum,' 'Fa-la-la-la-la-la-la,' 'It's No--well'

These are the sounds of Christmas time that we know well.

Forget your cares, let your troubles be,

Together we'll have a great big jamboree!

We'll have a good laugh, we'll have a good sing

We'll think of the joys that Christmas'll bring.

This is the merry season of the year,

So sing-a-sing-a-sing-a-sing-a-sing-a-sing-a-sing-a-sing a song

Of Christmas cheer.

Do They Know It's Christmas?

Words and music by Bob Geldof and Midge Ure

It's Christmas time, there's no need to be afraid,
At Christmas time, we let in light and we banish shade.
And in our world of plenty we can spread a smile of joy
Throw your arms around the world at Christmas time.

But say a prayer, pray for the other ones,
At Christmas time it's hard, but when you're having fun.
There's a world outside your window,
And it's a world of dread and fear,
Where the only water flowing
Is the bitter sting of tears.
And the Christmas bells that ring there
Are the clanging chimes of doom.
Well tonight thank God it's them instead of you.

And there won't be snow in Africa this Christmas time.
The greatest gift they'll get this year is life.
Where nothing ever grows,
No rain nor rivers flow,
Do they know it's Christmas time at all?

Here's to you, raise a glass for everyone.
Here's to them, underneath that burning sun,
Do they know it's Christmas time at all?

Feed the world [x 2]

[Part 1]

Feed the world, let them know it's Christmas time again

[Part 2]

Feed the world, Ooh---

Christmas Calypso

Words by Gerry Wakelin, music by Colin Evans

Sing it on the hillside, sing on the mountains,
Christmas Day is almost here!
Sing it round the valleys, forests and fountains,
Christmas Day is near!

[Chorus]

*So let the bells all ring, children sing, it's time for a holiday:
Let's all jump and shout, ev'ryone come out and sing!
So let the bells all ring, children sing, it's time for a holiday:
Let's all jump for joy, ev'ry girl and boy bringing gladness.*

Sing it on the hillside, sing on the mountains...

Decorate the house with tinsel and berry,
Christmas Day is almost here!
This'll be the time to give and be merry,
Christmas Day is near!

[Chorus]

Decorate the house with tinsel and berry...

Christmas Day is near!

Step Into Christmas

Words and music by Elton John

Welcome to my Christmas song,
I'd like to thank you for the year.
So, I'm sending you this Christmas card,
To say it's nice to have you here.
I'd like to sing about all the things
Your eyes and mind can see.
So, hop aboard the turntable,
Oh, step into Christmas with me, yeah.

[Chorus]
Step into Christmas, let's join together,
We can watch the snow fall forever and ever.
Eat, drink and be merry, come along with me.
Step into Christmas, the admission's free.

Take care in all you do next year,
And keep smiling through the days.
If we can help to entertain you,
Oh, we will find the ways.
So merry Christmas one and all,
There's no place I'd rather be
Than asking you if you'd oblige,
Stepping into Christmas with me.

[Chorus]

Oh----

Welcome to my Christmas song,
I'd like to thank you for the year.
So, I'm sending you this Christmas card,
To say it's nice to have you here.
I'd like to sing about all the things
Your eyes and mind can see.
So, hop aboard the turntable,
Oh, step into Christmas with me.

[Chorus x 2]

That's What Christmas Means to Me

Words and music by Stevie Wonder

Candles burnin' low, lots of mistletoe
Lots of snow and ice, ev'rywhere we go.
Choirs singin' carols, right outside my door

[Part 1]

All these things and more

That's what Christmas means to me my love

[Part 2]

All these things and more

That's what Christmas means to me, my love

I see your smilin' face, like I never seen before.
Even though I love you madly, it seems I love you more.
The little cards you'll give me, will touch my heart for sure.

All these things and more...

I feel like runnin' wild,
As anxious as a little child,
Greet you 'neath the mistletoe,
Kiss you once and then some more.
Wish you a Merry Christmas
And such happiness in the coming year

Runnin' wild

Do do
Do do
Wish you a Merry Christmas
Happiness in the coming year

Let's deck the halls with holly, sing sweet silent night,
Fill the tree with angel hair and pretty, pretty lights.
Go to sleep and wake up, just before daylight

All these things and more...

That's what Christmas means to me my love

That's what Christmas means to me!

Jingle Bell Rock

Words and music by Joe Beal and Jim Boote

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock,
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time,
Snowin' and blowin' up bushels of fun,
Now the jingle hop has begun.

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock,
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time,
Dancin' and prancin' in Jingle Bell Square,
In the frosty air.

What a bright time, it's the right time
To rock the night away.
Jingle bell time is a swell time,
To go glidin' in a one-horse sleigh.

Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet,
Jingle around the clock.
Mix and a-mingle in the jinglin' feet,
That's the jingle bell rock.

Silver Bells

Words and music by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans

Christmas makes you feel emotional.
It may bring parties or thoughts devotional.
Whatever happens or what may be,
Here is what Christmas time means to me.

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks
Dressed in holiday style.
In the air there's a feeling of Christmas.
Children laughing, people passing,
Meeting smile after smile.
And on every street corner you hear.

[Chorus]

*Silver bells, silver bells,
It's Christmas time in the city.
Ring-a-ling, hear them ring,
Soon it will be Christmas day.*

Strings of streetlights, even stop lights
Blink a bright red and green,
As the shoppers rush home with their treasures.
Hear the snow crunch, see the kids bunch,
This is Santa's big scene.
And above all this bustle you hear.

[Chorus]

Soon it will be Christmas day.

The Christmas Song

Words and music by Mel Tormé and Robert Wells

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire,
Jack Frost nipping at your nose,
Yuletide carols being sung by a choir,
And folks dressed up like Eskimos.

Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe
Help to make the season bright.
Tiny tots, with their eyes all aglow
Will find it hard to sleep tonight.

They know that Santa's on his way,
He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh.
And every mother's child is gonna spy,
To see if reindeer really know how to fly.

And so I'm offering this simple phrase
To kids from one to ninety-two.
Although it's been said many times, many ways,
'Merry Christmas to you!'

[Repeat song]

I Wish It Could Be Christmas Every Day

Words and music by Roy Wood, arranged by Lin Marsh

When the snowman brings the snow
Oh well he just might like to know
He's put a great big smile on somebody's face
If you jump into your bed
Quickly cover up your head
Don't you lock the doors, you know that sweet Santa Claus is on the way.

*Oh well I wish it could be Christmas everyday
When the kids start singing and the band begins to play
Oh, I wish it could be Christmas everyday
Let the bells ring out for Christmas.*

When we're skating in the park
If the storm cloud paints it dark
Then your rosy cheeks gonna light my merry way
Now the frosticles appear
And they've frozen up my beard,
So we'll lie by the fire till the sleep simply melts them all away. *Chorus*

When the snowman brings the snow
Well he just might like to know
He's put a great big smile on somebody's face
So if Santa brings that sleigh
All along the milky way
I'll sign my name on the rooftop in the snow then he may decide to stay. *Chorus x 2*

Why don't you give your love for Christmas.

Thula Baba, Thula Sana

Traditional South African

*Please note that there are several versions of the text. Syllables in longer words have been separated for ease of reading.

Thula thu, thula baba, thula sana,

Thul'u bab-'uzo fika ez-u seni

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Thul'u bab-'uzo fika ez-u seni

Ku-kh'in kan-ye-zi zi-hol-el' u baba

Zim-khan-yi-sela in-dlel'e ziye-kha-ya,

Sobe si-khona xa bonke beshoyo,

Bethi buyela ubuye le'-khaya.

There Is a Star

Words and music by Sarah Budd

[Solo group]

There is a star shining so bright,

Guiding you gently all through the night.

[Everyone]

Look to the East and what do you see?

I see a little star shining on me. [x 2]

We are the stars, and we are the light,

Guiding you gently all through the night.

Look to the East and what do you see?

You see a little star, that star is me. [x 2]

Frosty the Snowman

Words and music by Walter "Jack" Rollins and Steve Nelson

Frosty the Snowman, was a jolly happy soul,
With a corn cob pipe and a button nose, and two eyes made out of coal.
Frosty the Snowman, is a fairytale, they say.
He was made of snow, but the children know he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found,
For when they placed it on his head, he began to dance around!
Oh, Frosty the Snowman was alive as he could be;
And the children say he could laugh and play, just the same as you and me.

Frosty the Snowman, knew the sun was hot that day,
So, he said, "Let's run, and we'll have some fun now, before I melt away."
Down to the village, with a broomstick in his hand,
Running here and there, all around the square, sayin', "Catch me if you can."

He led them down the streets of town, right to the traffic cop;
And he only paused a moment, when he heard him holler, "Stop!"
For Frosty, the Snowman, had to hurry on his way,
But he waved goodbye, sayin' "Don't you cry, I'll be back again someday."

Thumpety thump, thump, thumpety thump, thump,
Look at Frosty go.
Thumpety thump, thump, thumpety thump, thump,
Over the hills of snow.

Christmas on the Beach at Waikiki

Words and music by Marta Lynn Keen

Find me a place where it doesn't rain.

Find me a place where it's dry,

[Part 1]

A place where the palm trees sway,

Where we're certain that the sun will shine.

[Part 2]

I see them swaying

The sun will shine

Christmas on the beach at Waikiki,

Goin' carolling

Underneath the mango and banana trees.

Yer gonna love it!

Christmas on the beach at Waikiki.

'Fore you know it you'll

Soon be thinkin' Waikiki's the place to be.

We'll wait for Santa and all his reindeer,

Flyin' cross the sea.

We don't need snow or mistletoe to get into the Christmas swing!

Yer gonna love it!

Christmas on the beach at Waikiki.

While the others are freezing cold and soaking wet,

We'll be toasty and warm and tan on the sand.

You'll agree it was meant to be;

We'll spend Christmas on the beach at Waikiki!

Christmas on the beach at Waikiki...

Feliz Navidad

Words and music by Jose Feliciano, arranged by Mac Huff

Feliz Navidad

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Feliz Navidad

Prospero año y Felicidad *[repeat]*

I wanna wish you a merry Christmas

I wanna wish you a merry Christmas

I wanna wish you a merry Christmas

From the bottom of my heart. *[repeat]*

Feliz Navidad

Merry Christmas

Feliz Navidad

Merry Christmas

Feliz Navidad

Merry Christmas

Prospero año y Felicidad

To you

I wanna wish you a merry Christmas

I wanna wish you a merry Christmas

I wanna wish you a merry Christmas

From the bottom of my heart. *[repeat]*

From my heart

I wanna wish you a merry Christmas

Merry Christmas

I wanna wish you a merry Christmas

Merry Christmas

I wanna wish you a merry Christmas

Merry Christmas

From the bottom of my heart.

From the bottom of my heart *[repeat]*

FELIZ NAVIDAD!