

# II. GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

620A

English traditional carol  
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

v. 1 Unison voices with organ  
v. 2 Unaccompanied voices

SOPRANO  
ALTO

(ORGAN)

TENOR  
BASS

1. God rest you mer-ry, gen-tle-men, Let no-thing you dis-may, For  
2. From God our heav'-nly Fa-ther A bless-ed an-gel came, And

Je-sus Christ our Sa-viour Was born up-on this day, To save us all from  
un-to cer-tain shep-herds Brought ti-dings of the same, How that in Beth-le-

Sa-tan's power When we were gone a-stray:  
-hem was born The Son of God by name: O— ti-dings of com-fort and

com-fort and  
joy, and— joy, O— ti-dings of com-fort and joy.  
and— joy,

\* If preferred, the refrain may always be sung in unison (with organ accompaniment)

*Unison voices*

3. The shepherds at those tidings  
Rejoicèd much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding,  
In tempest, storm and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem straightway  
This blessèd babe to find:  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

*Unaccompanied voices*

4. 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 of comfort and joy.



SOPRANOS I II

ALLOS

TENORS and BASSES

5. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with-in this place, And

with true love and bro-ther-hood Each o-ther now em-brace; This ho-ly tide of

Christ-mas All o-thers doth de-face: O — ti - dings of com - fort and

joy, com-fort and joy, O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy.