

# The Hap'ning Place Christmas Choir

## 2024



**Rehearsals Saturdays November 23 and 30 12:00-1:30**

**Performances**

**Tuesday December 3 17:45 Euston Rail Station at statue (Marie Curie)**

**Saturday December 7 at 12:45 Crouch End Christmas Market (Great Ormond St)**

**Thursday December 12 17:45 at St. Pancras Rail station by Christmas tree**

**Tuesday December 17 17:45 at Kings Cross Rail Station (Marie Curie)**

**Please remember to bring your SONG SHEETS, a bottle of water, & Santa Hat!**

**Away in a manger**, No crib for His 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 poor Baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, No crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; Look down from the sky  
And stay by bedside Till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever And love me I pray!  
Bless all the dear children In Thy tender care,  
And fit us for Heaven To live with Thee there.



**Listen for 4 High 'bells' and then come in**  
**Carol of the bells**

Hark how the bells, sweet silver bells, all seem to say, throw cares away  
Christmas is here, bringing good cheer, to young and old, meek and the bold.  
Ding dong ding dong, that is their song, with joyful ring, all caroling.  
One seems to hear, words of good cheer, from everywhere, filling the air.



Oh how they pound, raising the sound, o'er hill and dale, telling their tale.  
Gaily they ring, while people sing, songs of good cheer, Christmas is here.  
Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas,  
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*Instrumental 4 bells*

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**Second ending:** On on they send, on without end, their joyful tone to every  
home.

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Ding, dong, ding, dong  
Ding, dong, ding, dong... dong!

### **Christmas Waltz**

Fro----sted window panes, Candles gleaming inside  
Painted candy canes on the tree  
Santa's on his way, He's filled his sleigh  
With things, things for you and for me  
(a tempo) It's that time of year  
When the world falls in love  
Every song you hear  
Seems to say  
Merry Christmas  
May your New Year dreams come true  
Aaaaaaaaand thiiiiiiis song of mine  
In three quarter time  
Wishes you and yours The same thing too.



**Deck the halls** with boughs of holly Fa-la  
'Tis the season to be jolly Fa-la  
Don we now our gay apparel Fa-la  
Troll the ancient Yule-tide carol Fa-la

See the blazing Yule before us. Fa-la  
Strike the harp and join the chorus. Fa-la  
Follow me in merry measure. Fa-la  
While I tell of Yule-tide treasure. Fa-la

Fast away the old year passes. Fa-la  
Hail the new year, lads and lasses Fa-la  
Sing we joyous, all together. Fa-la  
Heedless of the wind and weather. Fa-la

**Ding dong merrily on high!** In heaven bells are ringing.  
Ding dong verily the sky! Is riven with angles singing!

Gloria, .....Hosanna in excelsis Gloria,..... Hosanna in excelsis

Ee'n 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 Gloria,..... Hosanna in excelsis

**Pray you** dutifully prime, your matin chime ye ringers!

May you beautifully rhyme, your evetime song ye singers!  
Gloria, ..... Hosanna in excelsis Gloria,..... Hosanna in excelsis

**The first Noel** the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:  
In fields where they lay a 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.  
Noel Noel Noel Noel Born is the King of Israel.

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

This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
O'er Bethlehem it took it's rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay,  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.



**TO MAKE A CHRISTMAS PUDDING YOU NEED PATIENCE AND LOTS OF TIME**

*AND LOTS OF TIME*

**THE RECIPE IS LONG AND VERY ANCIENT WITH BARLEY WINE**

*WITH BARLEY WINE*

**FIRST, YOU TAKE A BASIN AND SOME MUSLIN TO SEAL THE TOP**

*TO SEAL THE TOP*

**ONCE YOU START THE MIXING IT IS TIRING YOU NEVER STOP**

*YOU NEVER STOP*

**GRAPES, SULTANAS, HALF A POUND OF PLUMS  
CHOPPED BANANAS NUTS AND LOTS OF CRUMBS  
YOU STIR IT LEFT. YOU STIR IT RIGHT,  
YOU NEED TO STAY UP HALF THE NIGHT,  
TASTE THE DISH AND MAKE A W1SH  
TO KEEP YOUR CHRISTMAS BRIGHT!**



**MY MOTHER BAKES A PUDDING, IT'S TINY, IT'S VERY SMALL**

**MY BROTHER BAKES A PUDDING OH, COR BLIMEY IT FILLS THE HALL**

*IT FILLS THE HALL*

**GRANNY TAKES HER TIME AND USES HONEY IT'S VERY THICK**

*IT'S VERY THICK*

**SISTER'S IS LIKE SLIME AND VERY RUNNY IT MAKES YOU SICK,**

*IT MAKES YOU SICK*

**TAME IT, FLAME IT, WITH WHISKY MADE WITH MALT,**

**SUET, CRUET, DON'T FORGET THE SALT,**

**WITH MILK AND PEEL AND EGGS AND SPICE**

**IT'S BOUND TO TASTE MOST AWFULLY NICE,**

**DECKED WITH HOLLY VERY JOLLY,**

**IT'S MY CHRISTMAS VICE.**

**BOIL IT, BROIL IT, COOK IT TILL IT STEAMS,**

**COAT IT, FLOAT IT, ON CUSTARDS AND ON CREAM**

**WITH LEMON AND LIME AND LOTS OF TIME,**

**TO MAKE YOUR RECIPE IN RHYME**

**MAKE IT MERRY WITH A CHERRY,**


**CHRISTMAS PUDDING TIME,- OH!**

**Frosty the snowman** Was a Jolly Happy soul  
With a corncob 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, how 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 <break>



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 through the village with a broomstick in his hand,  
Running here and there all around the square saying 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!

Frosty the snowman, Had to hurry on his way  
But he waved goodbye, saying don't you cry I'll be back again some  day,  
I'll be back again some day.

**God rest you merry, gentlemen,** Let nothing you dismay, For Jesus Christ our  
Saviour,  
Was born upon this day, To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone  
astray:  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.*

The shepherds at those tidings, Rejoiced 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 ...*  
*Music break ( key change) Drink Water!*

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 ...*



**Hark! the herald angels sing** "Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the favored one.  
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"



Hail! the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail! the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

Christmas Future is far away, Christmas Past is Past  
Christmas Present is here today, Bringing Joy --that may last



**Have yourself a merry little Christmas,** Let your heart be light,  
Next year all our troubles will be out of sight,

Have yourself a merry little Christmas, Make the yule-tide gay  
Next year all our troubles will be miles away,

Once again as in olden days, Happy golden days of yore  
Faithful friends who are dear to us, Will be near to us once more

Someday soon, we all will be together, If the Fates allow  
Until then, we'll have to muddle through somehow  
So have yourself a merry little Christmas now.

**Repeat Have yourself....**

## **I'm dreaming of a white Christmas**

Just like the ones I used to know  
Where the tree tops glisten- And children listen  
To hear sleigh bells in the snow.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
With every Christmas card I write  
May your days be merry and bright  
And may all your Christmases be white (**repeat**)



## **It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas**

Everywhere you go  
Take a look at the five and ten, it's glistening once again  
With candy canes and silver lanes that glow

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas  
Toys in every store  
But the prettiest sight to see is the holly that will be  
On your own front door

A pair of Hopalong boots and a pistol that shoots  
Is the wish of Barney and Ben  
Dolls that'll talk and will go for a walk  
Is the hope of Janice and Jen  
And Mom and Dad can hardly wait for school to start again

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas --Everywhere you go  
There's a tree in the Grand Hotel, one in the park as well  
It's the sturdy kind that doesn't mind the snow

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas  
Soon the bells will start  
And the thing that'll make 'em ring is the carol that you sing  
Right within your heart

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas  
Toys in every store  
But the prettiest sight to see is the holly that will be  
On your own front door- Sure, it's Christmas once more



## **Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock**

Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring  
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 (repeat)



## **Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**

Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

## **Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!**

Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.





## Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow  
In a one horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way  
Bells on bob tails ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to laugh and sing  
A sleighing song tonight

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh

A day or two ago  
I thought I'd take a ride  
And soon Miss Fanny Bright  
Was seated by my side  
The horse was lean and lank  
Misfortune seemed his lot  
We got into a drifted bank  
And then we got upsot

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh yeah



## Let it Snow

*The snowman in the yard is frozen hard. He's a sorry sight to see.  
If he had a brain he'd complain, bet he wishes he were me (straight in!)*

**||: 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 stopping  
And I've bought some corn for popping  
The lights are turned way down low  
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

When we finally kiss good night  
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

The fire is slowly dying  
And, my dear, we're still goodbye-ing  
But as long as you love me so  
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! :|| repeat



## **Pine cones and Holly Berries**

Popcorn for you, apples for me  
Red striped candy, nut cracker handy  
Kettle a-bubbleing holiday tea  
Snow clouds hang low and threatening  
Maybe in won't, praying it may  
The brightest fireplace glows in every face  
Waiting for Christmas day.

There'll be walk-a-round songs and Talk-a-round songs  
Songs of the inn and stable.

There'll be morning time songs and Evening time songs  
And grace at every table.

**And Jingle bells will jingle all the way all day.**



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The brightest fireplace glows in  
every face

Waiting for Christmas day.  
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**||: Rocking around the Christmas tree** at the Christmas party hop  
Mistletoe hung where you can see, Ev'ry couple tries to stop

Rocking around the Christmas Tree Let the Christmas Spirit ring  
Later we'll have some pumpkin pie and we'll do some caroling

You will get a sentimental feeling when you hear, Voices singing  
"Let's be jolly; Deck the halls with boughs of holly"  
Rocking around the Christmas Tree Have a happy holiday  
Everyone's dancing merrily In a new old fashioned way :||





## Rudolf!

You know Dasher and Dancer And Prancer and Vixen,  
Comet and Cupid And Donner and Blitzen.  
But do you recall The most famous reindeer of all? Straight in

||: **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 Join 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 And they shouted out with glee  
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer You'll go down in history! :||

## Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me

A **partridge** in a pear tree.

2 **turtle** doves,

3 **French** hens,

4 **calling** birds,

5 golden **rings**,

6 **geese** a-laying,

7 **swans** a-swimming,

8 **maids** a-milking,

9 **ladies** dancing,

10 **lords** a-leaping,

11 **pipers** piping,

12 **drummers** drumming,



## **Santa Claus is Coming to Town**

You better watch out, You better not cry  
You better not pout, I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town --gather 'round  
He's making a list, Checking it twice;  
Gonna find out who's naughty or nice.  
Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping  
He knows when you're awake  
He knows if you've been bad or good  
So be good for goodness sake

You better watch out, You better not cry  
You better not pout, I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town

With little tin horns and little toy drums  
Rooty toot toots and rummy tum tums  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
With curly haired dolls that toddle and coo  
Elephants boats and kiddie cars too  
Santa Claus is coming to town

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Santa Claus is coming to town

He's coming to town!



**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 Hallelujah  
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 the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth Jesus, Lord, at thy birth



### **SLEIGH RIDE**

Just hear those sleigh bells jingling, ring ting tingling too  
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you  
Outside the snow is falling and friends are calling "yoo hoo",  
Come on, it's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you.

Giddy yap, giddy yap, giddy yap, let's go, Let's look at the show,  
We're riding in a wonderland of snow.  
Giddy yap, giddy yap, giddy yap, it's grand, Just holding your hand,  
We're gliding along with a song of a wintry fairy land

Our cheeks are nice and rosy and comfy cozy are we  
We're snuggled up together like two birds of a feather would be  
Let's take that road before us and sing a chorus or two  
**First Ending:** Come on, It's lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you.

**Second ending:** Come on, it's lovely weather (x6 spoken – 3 sung) for a sleigh ride together with you

There's a birthday party at the home of Farmer Gray  
It'll be the perfect ending a of perfect day  
We'll be singing the songs we love to sing without a single stop  
At the fireplace while we watch the chestnuts pop. pop! pop! pop!

There's a happy feeling nothing in the world can buy  
When they pass around the coffee and the pumpkin pie  
It'll nearly be like a picture print by Currier and Ives  
These wonderful things are the things we remember all through our lives!

**(Break)**

Repeat: Just hear those sleigh bells jingling, ring ting tingling too ....

**Round:**



**Christmas is coming**, the goose is getting fat.

Please put a penny in the old man's hat.  
If you haven't got a penny, then a ha'penny will do.  
If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God bless you.

**We wish you a Merry Christmas;**

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;  
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding; Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;  
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer

We won't go until we get some; We won't go until we get some;  
We won't go until we get some, so bring some out here

We wish you a Merry Christmas; We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas ||: and a Happy New Year:||



*Many thanks to all The Hap'ning Place Singers for giving your time and your beautiful voices in song to raise money for these very worthy causes.*

*Don't forget to place your guess on how much we'll raise for GOSH  
You just have to tell me at the end of the day.*

*Whoever comes the closest receives a chocolate Santa!*

