

ROLL UP, ROLL UP!

Carol Singers

Ding-dong merrily on high, in heav'n the bells are ri...

All Stallholders

Roll up, roll up! To our special Christmas market.
Roll up, roll up! All the things you need are here.
Roll up, roll up! And be sure to find a bargain!
Roll up, roll up! It's that magical time of year!

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Part 1

Roll up, roll up! For your Christmas trees and tinsel.
Roll up, roll up! You'll find lots of Christmas toys.
Roll up, roll up! Get your turkey, get your pudding.
Roll up, roll up! All you lovely girls and boys!

Carol Singers (determined)

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Part 2

Come and buy your Christmas bargains,
Come and buy your Christmas toys,
Come and spend your Christmas money,
Roll up all you lovely girls and boys.

Carol Singers (quite angrily)

Ding-dong merrily on high, in heav'n the bells are ri...

Parts 1 and 2 together, once through.

Part 1

Roll up, roll up!

Part 2

Roll up, roll up!

Parts 1 and 2

Roll up, roll up, you girls and boys!

Carol Singers (loudly)

HOSANNA IN EXCELSIS!!!

THE FORGOTTEN TOYS

Toy Seller

CHORUS *Up in the attic, all alone,
Was a box of forgotten toys,
Once they were played with all day long
By long-ago girls and boys.*

Joe and Tom

- 1 This train, with a track, goes round and round
With a toot and a puff of steam,
But the engine is scratched and scruffy now
And nobody winds the key.

CHORUS (All)

Meg, Eve and Beth

- 2 This old Teddy bear with a worn-out nose
Is waiting for Christmas Eve,
He'll sit on your bed and guard all the toys
That Santa Claus will leave!

CHORUS (All)

Toy Seller

- 3 Here's a jigsaw of wood in a battered box,
Which pictures the age-old scene
When Jesus was born in Bethlehem
In a stable poor and mean.

Toy Seller

CHORUS *Will nobody buy my jigsaw dear,
It's fit for a girl or boy!
You'll never forget your purchase here
With its message of Christmas joy,
With its message of Christmas joy!*

MARCHING

All Romans

Marching, marching, marching all the way,
Roman soldiers bringing news today.

Listen up to what we have to say,
Caesar Augustus RULES – OK!!

(Repeat)

Marching, marching,
Marching, marching,
Marching, marching,

Chief Roman

HALT!

GOING ON A JOURNEY

Husbands (*excitedly*)

- 1 Going on a journey,
A little holiday,
Looking up our relatives,
We hope they'll let us stay.

Wives (*indignantly*)

We will still be working,
With all the kids to mind!
It won't be such a holiday
For women you will find!

CHORUS Men

Packed up and on our way,

Women

We will be back one day,

Romans

Start now and don't delay,

All

The Emperor is waiting!

(Repeat)

Wives

- 2 Going on a journey,
We're walking all the way.
Robbers might be hiding there
To ambush us today!

Husbands

Going on a journey,
A census has been called.
Romans give the orders now
And can't be overruled.

CHORUS

The Emperor is waiting!

FOLLOW THE STAR

Follow the star,
Follow the star,
See it shining, oh so bright!
Follow the star,
Follow the star,
See it lighting up the night!
Never be afraid,
It will show you the way.
Follow the star,
Follow the star
Into Bethlehem tonight.

(Dance interlude)

WE SING OF THE BIRTH

(Angels sing once through together, then in a two, three or four-part round depending on numbers and ability)

We sing of the birth of a baby King,
The prophets foretold of this wonderful thing.
God's greatest gift comes from heaven to earth,
Bringing the promise of peace with His birth.

RUN WITH HASTE TO BETHLEHEM

Shepherds

- 1 We heard the angels singing and we wondered what to do,
Run with haste to Bethlehem.
We told the other shepherds of their joyful Christmas news,
Run with haste to Bethlehem.
We saw the bright star shining, lighting up the way,
Run with haste to Bethlehem.
It pointed to the stable where the special baby lay,
Run with haste to Bethlehem.

- 2 The stable door was open and they told us to come in,
Run with haste to Bethlehem.
Everyone is welcome to see this little King,
So run – (**All shout** RUN!) – run – (RUN!) –
run – (RUN!) – run – (RUN!)
Run with haste to Bethlehem.

HEROD!

(Intro – finger clicks)

1 He's Herod! Herod, the king of Judea,
The king who rules with the power of fear,
In his great white palace in Jerusalem
His servants try to please him but they're nervous men!

2 Now Herod has wives, some dark and some fair,
He's commanded them to give him the perfect heir,
But if a baby doesn't suit him, then in one breath
He'll snarl

(Herod, spoken) It's a reject, put the child to death!

3 The people in the city simply hate this man,
They're waiting for God to come up with a plan.
They need a Messiah to save the day
And bring a little peace with Him along the way.

4 So imagine the scene: there's a star in the sky,
And three wise men come strolling by.
They stop at Herod's palace, a natural thing
If you want to find a baby who's a brand-new King.

(finger clicks)

5 People gather round with a glint in their eye,
For the palace is the web and these men are the fly.
King Herod is the spider, waiting for his prey,
The wise men will be dead meat today!

HAVE YOU HEARD?

(OPTIONAL)

All

- 1 Have you heard the news today?
There's a little baby sleeping in our hay!
What a nerve! What a cheek!
Perhaps he wants to play a game of Hide and Seek!

Mouse/Hen (spoken)

'Actually, he's rather lovely!'

Hens

- 2 *He's so cute, he's so sweet,
You should see his fingers and his tiny feet!*

Mice

*Button nose, big brown eyes,
Staying in the stable, what a nice surprise!*

All

- 3 *Welcome here, Christmas day,
We will share our stable, we will share our hay.
Son of God, baby King,
Lying in a manger, an amazing thing!*

NOW OUR STORY HAS BEEN TOLD

- 1 Now our story has been told,
We have seen it all unfold,
And the jigsaw has reminded us today
How Joseph found the way
To a stable far away
And Mary bore God's Son on Christmas Day.

CHORUS *Christmas bells ring out across the ages
And the message is clear,
Wishing you a very merry Christmas,
And a happy New Year!*

- 2 Now our story has been told,
We have seen it all unfold,
And the jigsaw has reminded us today.
Shepherds heard the angels sing,
And a bright star led the kings
To Jesus in a manger full of hay.

CHORUS

- 3 Now our story has been told,
We have seen it all unfold,
And the jigsaw has reminded us today
To stop and think awhile
Of this very special child
Who was born to be the light, the truth, the way.

CHORUS x 2 + Alleluia descant
Repeat last line