

## **Christmas Music Around the World**

The New Testament in Luke 2:13-14, speaks of the heavenly angelic host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!" In verse 20, the shepherds then returned and glorified and praised God for all the things they had heard and seen. These were some of the first Christmas carols celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. From that time, music celebrating Jesus' birth has been sung and played in many nations, many languages, and in many musical styles. Although all are different, they are unified by one theme: the birth and saving grace of Jesus, the Son of God. The carols we will sing and hear played are only a small portion of the many Christmas songs that exist throughout our world.

The Huron Carol, ('Twas in the Moon of Wintertime), Native American (Canada)  
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, Poland  
In the Bleak Midwinter, Holst. England  
Adeste Fideles (O Come All Ye Faithful), Latin, English origin  
The First Nowell, Cornwall, England  
Laylat-al-Milad (On the Night of Christmas), Lebanon, in Arabic  
O Little Town of Bethlehem. USA  
Do You Hear What I Hear, USA  
Cantique de Noel (O Holy Night), France  
Tu Scende Delle Stelle, Italy  
Away in a Manger, USA  
Taladh Chrisoda (Christ Child's Lullaby), Hebrides, Scotland  
Suo Gan (Sleep My Baby), Wales  
Stille Nacht (Silent Night), Austrian  
Joy to the World, England

*We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Glory to God!*

# **O Holy Night**

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining, It is the night of our dear Savior's birth; Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn; Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night, O Holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand; So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, Here came the wise men from Orient land. The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, In all our trials born to be our Friend; He knows our need, To our weakness is no stranger. Behold your King, before Him lowly bend! Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace; Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother, And in His name, all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise His Holy name; Christ is the Lord, O praise His name forever! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim.