

27 God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
Old English Traditional
Arr. by Sir John Stainer.

1. God rest you merry, gen-tle-men, Let nothing you dis-may, Re-
2. In Beth-le-hem, in Jew-ry, This blessed Babe was born, And
3. From God our Heav'nly Fa-ther A bless-ed An-gel came; And
4. Now to the Lord sing pra-i-ses, All you with-in this place, And

member Christ our Sav-iour Was born on Christmas Day, To save us all from
laid within a man-ger, Up-on this ho-ly morn, The which His Moth-er
un-to cer-tain Shep-herds Brought tid-ings of the same: Now that in Bethle-
with true love and brotherhood Each other now em-brace; This ho-ly tide of

ff Chorus
Sa-tan's pow'r When we were gone a-stray;
Ma-ry, Did nothing take in scorn. O ti-dings of com-fort and
hem was born The Son of God by name.
Christ-mas All other doth de-face. *ff*

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

An old co-worker and friend of mine used to create Christmas music CD™s every year. That was in the days before Ipods and iTunes came along. It was something I looked forward to every year. I discovered a few new Christmas favorites that I™d never heard before from his compilation of songs.

My friend™s partner Bob Gagne, recently recorded a Christmas song he wrote. It™s a very special song for my friend Cindy not only because Bob wrote the song, but their 11 year old daughter

sings back up vocals on it. The song is about the true meaning of Christmas and is beautifully sung by Ron Gutierrez. *It's Christmas Time* can be purchased on iTunes, [Amazon](#) and [CDBaby](#). I hope you'll check it out. The song is only 99 cents to download and a portion of the proceeds go to the local non-profit organization Kids TLC. Thanks for sharing *It's Christmas Time* with me Cindy. The following are a few of my favorite Christmas songs.

- *God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman* – the Barenaked Ladies version with Sarah McLachlan
- *Celebrate Me Home*- Kenny Loggins
- *O Holy Night* – by just about anyone, but you can't go wrong with Josh Groban
- *The Gift*-by Jim Brickman
- *Last Christmas*-George Michael (I have fond memories of my daughter singing this song when she was 4 years old)
- Favorite CD-*Carpenter's Christmas Portrait*
- Instrumental CD- *Vince Guaraldi Trio- A Charlie Brown Christmas*

What is one of your favorite Christmas songs?

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