

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Grades 1-4

1. 'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
When all the birds had fled,
The mighty Gitchi Manitou
Sent angel choirs instead.
Before their light the stars grew dim
And wondering hunters heard the hymn:

*Refrain: Jesus, your King, is born.
Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria.*

2. Within a lodge of broken bark,
The tender Babe was found.
A ragged robe of rabbit skin
Enwrapped his beauty round.
The chiefs from far before him knelt,
With gifts of fox and beaver pelt:
Refrain

3. O children of the forest free,
O you of Manitou,
The Holy Child of earth and heav'n
Is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy.
Who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.
*Refrain
Gloria. In excelsis gloria.*

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

All children and congregation

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
Oh, come, ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him! Born the King of angels;
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all you citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest;
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

The Snow Lay on the Ground

1-4 grades:

1. The snow lay on the ground,
The stars shone bright,
When Christ our Lord
was born on Christmas night.
Venite adoremus Dominum.
Venite adoremus Dominum.

*Refrain: Venite adoremus Dominum.
Venite adoremus Dominum*

2. 'Twas gentle Mary maid
So young and strong,
Who welcomed here the Christ child
With a song.
She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem;
The cow and oxen shared the roof with them.
Refrain

3. Saint Joseph, too, was there
To tend the Child,
To guard him and protect his mother mild.
The angels hovered 'round and sang this song:
Venite adoremus Dominum.
Venite adoremus Dominum.
*Refrain
Dominum. Dominum.*

Away in a Manger

Grades 1-4

1. **Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay.
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

Grades 1-8 (All) with the congregation

2. The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Grades 1-8 (All) with the congregation

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay.
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Silent Night, Holy Night

Grades 1-8 (All)

1. 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.

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Grades 5–8 (All), with the congregation

2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Grades 5–8 (All), with the congregation

3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Go Tell it on the Mountain

1-8 grades

Refrain: *Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere!
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.*

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1-8 sings

Refrain: *Ideo..o..o, Ideo..o..o,
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Luke 2:1-7

Spoken by Grades 2-4 only

1. And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

2. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David; to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

3. And so it was that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.