**Christmas Eve 2023 Songs for Grades 5–8**

**Processional and Cross Songs**

*All in grades 5–8*

**Once in Royal David’s City**

*Grades 5–8 (Solo)*

Once in royal David’s city

Stood a lowly cattle shed.

Where a mother laid her baby

In a manger for his bed.

Mary was that mother mild,

Jesus Christ her little child.

*Grades 5–8 (All)*

He came down to earth from heaven,

Who is God and Lord of all.

And his shelter was a stable,

And his cradle was a stall;

With the poor and mean and lowly

Lived on earth our Savior holy.

**In the Bleak Midwinter**

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,

Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;

Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow.

In the bleak midwinter long ago.

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

Yet what can I give him—give my heart.

**Still, Still, Still**

Still, still, still, thy heart with joy I’d fill.

I’d sing thee a song and watch by thy manger,

Guard thee from harm and keep thee from danger.

Still, still, still, thy heart with joy I’d fill.

*Schlaf, schlaf, schlaf, mein liebes Kindlein schlaf!*

*Die Engel tun schön Musizieren,*

*Bei dem Kindelein jubilieren,*

*Schlaf, schlaf, schlaf, mein liebes Kindlein schlaf!*

Still, still, still, within thy holy will.

To thee, great God, my voice I’d raise

With awe and wonder, sing thy praise.

Still, still, still, within thy holy will.

**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!

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He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger.

Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!

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**Torches**

Torches, torches, run with torches

All the way to Bethlehem!

Christ is born and now lies sleeping:

Come and sing your song to him! *Repeat*

Ah, Ro-ro, Ro-ro my baby.

Ah, Ro-ro, my love, Ro-ro;

Sleep you well, my heart’s own darling,

While we sing you our Ro-ro.

Sing, my friends, and make you merry,

Joy and mirth and joy again;

Lo, he lives, the King of heaven,

Now and evermore. Amen.

**Christmas Eve Memory Schedule**

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**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

*Grades 5–8 (Small Group)*

*Solo* 1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,

And with fear and trembling stand;

*Small group*

Ponder nothing earthly minded,

For with blessing in his hand

*All*

Christ our God to earth descending

Comes our homage to demand.

*Grades 5–8 (All)*

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,

As of old on earth he stood,

Lord of lords in human vesture,

In the body and the blood,

He will give to all the faithful

His own self for heav’nly food.

*Grades 5–8 (All)*

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven

Spreads its vanguard, its vanguard on the way,

The Light of light, descending,

From the realms the Light of light, descending,

The pow’rs of hell, the pow’rs to vanquish,

As the darkness clear away.

*Grades 5–8 (All)*

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph,

Cherubim with sleepless eye,

Veil their faces to the presence,

As with ceaseless voice they cry, with ceaseless:

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

## 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.

**What is the Crying at Jordan?**

*Grades 5-8*

1. What is the crying at Jordan?

Who hears, O God, the prophecy?

Dark is the season, dark our hearts

and shut to mystery.

2. Who then shall stir in this darkness,

Prepare for joy in the winter night?

Mortal in darkness we lie down,

Blind hearted seeing no light.

3. Lord, give us grace to awake us,

To see the branch that begins to bloom;

In great humility is hid

all heav’n in a little room.

4. Now comes the day of salvation,

In joy and terror the Word is born!

God gives Himself into our lives;

O let salvation dawn!

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**Personent Hodie**

*Grades 5-8 (All)*  
1. On this day earth shall ring,

With the song children sing

To the Lord, Christ our King,

Born on earth to save us; him the Father

gave us.

1-8 sings *Ideo..o..o, Ideo..o..o,*

*Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Grades 5-8 (All)*

2. His the doom, ours the mirth:

When he came down to earth

Bethlehem saw his birth;

Ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him.

1-8 sings *Ideo..o..o, Ideo..o..o,*

*Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Grades 5-8 (All)*

3. God’s bright star, o’er his head,

Wise Men three to him led;

Kneel they low by his bed,

Lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him.

1-8 sings *Ideo..o..o, Ideo..o..o,*

*Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Grades 1-8*

4. On this day angels sing;

With their song earth shall ring,

Praising Christ, heaven’s King,

Born on earth to save us; peace and love

He gave us.

*1-8 sings* *Ideo..o..o, Ideo..o..o,*

*Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

**On Christmas Night**

*Grades 5-8*

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God!

1. On Christmas night all Christians sing

To hear the news the angels bring,

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News of great joy, news of great mirth,

News of our merciful King’s birth.

2. Then why should people be so sad

Since our Redeemer made us glad,

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Since our Redeemer made us glad,

When from our sin he set us free,

All for to gain our liberty.

*Small group*

3. When sin departs before his grace,

Then life and health come in its place.

When sin departs before his grace,

Then life and health come in its place.

Angels above with joy may sing

All for to see the newborn King.

4. All out of darkness we have light

Which made the angels sing that night,

All out of darkness we have light

Which made the angels sing that night.

Glory to God we sing again;

Now and forevermore, Amen.

Now and forevermore, Amen.

Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God!

**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.

**Star Carol**

*Grades 5-8 (All)*

1. Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem,

Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies;

Bring your gifts, come and worship at his cradle,

Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

*Refrain: See his star shining bright*

*In the sky this Christmas Night!*

*Follow me joyfully:*

*Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!*

2. Angels bright, come from heaven’s highest glory!

Bear the news with its message of good cheer:

“Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us,

Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!”

*Refrain*

*Small group*

3. See, he lies in his mother’s tender keeping;

Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep.

Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him,

Offer their humble gift before the son of Mary.

*Refrain (all 5-8)*

4. Let us all pay our homage at the manger,

Sing his praise on their joyful Christmas Night;

Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation;

Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary.

*Refrain*

**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.

*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!

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*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.*

*5-8 grades sing verses*

1. While shepherds kept their watching

O’er silent flocks by night,

Behold throughout the heavens

There shone a holy light.

*Refrain 2x*

2. The shepherds feared and trembled

When lo! Above the earth,

Rang out the angel chorus

That hailed the baby’s birth.

*Refrain 2x*

3. Down in a lowly manger

Our humble Christ was born,

And God sent us salvation,

That blessed Christmas morn.

*Refrain 2x*