

# OPAHI BAY CHRISTMAS CAROLS



## AWAY IN A MANGER

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.

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side, 'till morning is nigh.

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

## HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King,  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful all ye nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
***Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"***

Christ by highest heav'n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.  
***Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"***

Hail! The heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.  
***Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"***

## JINGLE BELLS



Dashing through the snow  
On a one-horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way.  
Bells on bob tails ring,  
Making spirits bright.  
What fun it is to ride and sing,  
A sleighing song tonight.

***Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way.  
Oh, way fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!  
Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way.  
Oh, way fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.***

A day or two ago,  
I thought I'd take a ride.  
And soon, Miss Fanny Bright  
Was seated by me side.  
The horse was lean and lank  
Misfortune seemed his lot.  
He got into a drifted bank  
And then we got upsot.

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In a one-horse open sleigh.***

A day or two ago,  
The story I must tell.  
I went out on the snow  
And on my back I fell.  
A gent was riding by  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
He laughed as there I sprawling lie  
but quickly drove away.

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In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!  
Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way.  
Oh, way fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.***

Now the ground is white,  
Go it while you're young.  
Take the girls tonight  
And sing this sleighing song.  
Just get a bobtailed bay  
Two forty as his speed  
Hitch him to an open sleigh  
And crack, you'll take the lead.

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In a one-horse open sleigh, hey!  
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Jingle all the way.  
Oh, way fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.***

## TWELVE DAYS OF A KIWI CHRISTMAS

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On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me  
A pukeko in a ponga tree.

On the second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...  
2 kumara, and a pukeko in a ponga tree.

On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me ...  
3 flax kits, 2 kumara, and a pukeko in a ponga tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me ...  
4 huhu grubs, 3 flax kits, 2 kumara, and a pukeko in a ponga tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me ...  
5-BIG FAT PIGS - 4 huhu grubs, 3 flax kits, 2 kumara, and a pukeko in a ponga tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me ...  
6 poi's a twirling,  
5-BIG FAT PIGS - 4 huhu grubs, 3 flax kits, 2 kumara, and a pukeko in a ponga tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me ...  
7 eels a swimming, 6 poi's a twirling,  
5-BIG FAT PIGS - 4 huhu grubs, 3 flax kits, 2 kumara, and a pukeko in a ponga tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me ...  
8 plants of puha, 7 eels a swimming, 6 poi's a twirling,  
5-BIG FAT PIGS - 4 huhu grubs, 3 flax kits, 2 kumara, and a pukeko in a ponga tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me ...  
9 sacks of pipi's, 8 plants of puha, 7 eels a swimming, 6 poi's a twirling,  
5-BIG FAT PIGS - 4 huhu grubs, 3 flax kits, 2 kumara, and a pukeko in a ponga tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me ...  
10 juicy fish heads, 9 sacks of pipi's, 8 plants of puha, 7 eels a swimming, 6 poi's a twirling,  
5-BIG FAT PIGS - 4 huhu grubs, 3 flax kits, 2 kumara, and a pukeko in a ponga tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me ...  
11 haka lessons, 10 juicy fish heads, 9 sacks of pipi's, 8 plants of puha, 7 eels a swimming, 6  
poi's a twirling,  
5-BIG FAT PIGS - 4 huhu grubs, 3 flax kits, 2 kumara, and a pukeko in a ponga tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me ...  
12 piupiu's swinging, 11 haka lessons, 10 juicy fish heads, 9 sacks of pipi's, 8 plants of puha,  
7 eels a swimming, 6 poi's a twirling,  
5-BIG FAT PIGS - 4 huhu grubs, 3 flax kits, 2 kumara, and a pukeko in a ponga tree.

## WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas,  
We wish you a merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

***Good tidings we bring for you and your kin;***

***We wish you a merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!***

Oh, bring us some figgy pudding, oh, bring us some figgy pudding,  
Oh, bring us some figgy pudding, and a cup of good cheer!

***Good tidings we bring for you and your kin;***

***We wish you a merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!***

We won't go until we get some, we won't go until we get some,  
We won't go until we get some, so bring it right here!

***Good tidings we bring for you and your kin;***

***We wish you a merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!***

We all like our figgy pudding, we all like our figgy pudding,  
We all like our figgy pudding, with all its good cheer!

***Good tidings we bring for you and your kin;***

***We wish you a merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!***

***We wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas,***

***We wish you a merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!***

## SUMMER WONDERLAND

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?  
Sun burn sting, ice-blocks glistening.  
The beautiful sight of barbies alight,  
***Strolling through a Summer Wonderland.***

Pour the sav, in the sunshine.  
Serve the pav, up at lunch time.  
Pop the bubbles for Nan,  
pineapples on ham,  
***Strolling through a Summer Wonderland.***

Later on, the sun is falling  
And your drunk uncle's snoring.  
We'll hear birds in the trees,  
feel the warm breeze  
***Strolling through a Summer Wonderland.***

Way down here, Christmas landmarks,  
Are summer flowers, and funny tan marks.  
We're happy and bright,  
not a snowman in sight  
***Strolling through a Summer Wonderland.***

***Strolling through a Summer,***  
***Strolling through a Summer,***  
***Strolling through a Summer Wonderland.***



## **TE HARINUI**

Not on a snowy night, by star or candlelight  
Nor by an angel band, there came to our dear land.

**Te Harinui, te Harinui,  
Te Harinui, glad tidings of great joy!**

But on a summer's day, within a quiet bay,  
The Maori people heard, the great and glorious word.

**Te Harinui, te Harinui,  
Te Harinui, glad tidings of great joy!**

The people gathered round, upon the grassy ground,  
And heard the preacher say, I bring to you this day.

**Te Harinui, te Harinui,  
Te Harinui, glad tidings of great joy!**

Now in this blessed land, united heart and hand,  
We praise the glorious birth and sing to all the earth.

**Te Harinui, te Harinui,  
Te Harinui, glad tidings of great joy!**

## **DECK THE HALLS**

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la.  
Tis the season to be jolly, Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la.  
Don we now our gay apparel,  
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la, la, la.  
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la.

See the blazing Yule before us, Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la.  
Strike the harp and join the chorus, Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la.  
Follow me in merry measure,  
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la, la, la.  
While I tell of Yuletide treasure, Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la.

Fast away the old year passes, Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la.  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la.  
Sing we joyous, all together,  
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la, la, la.  
Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la.  
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la, la, la.

## O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant.  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels!  
**O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

O Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.  
**O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

Yea Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus to Thee be the glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in the flesh appearing.  
**O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

## JINGLE BELL ROCK

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock  
Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring  
Snowin' and blowin' up bushels of fun  
Now the jingle hop has begun

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock  
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time  
Dancin' and prancin' in Jingle Bell Square  
In the frosty air

What a bright time, it's the right time  
To rock the night away  
Jingle bell time is a swell time  
To go glidin' in a one-horse sleigh

Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet  
Jingle around the clock  
Mix and a-mingle in the jinglin' feet  
That's the jingle bell rock



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## **GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN**

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day.  
To save us all from Satan's power, when we were gone astray.

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy**

**O tidings of comfort and joy.**

From God our heavenly Father, a blessed angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds, brought tidings of the same;  
How that in Bethlehem was born, the Son of God by name.

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy**

**O tidings of comfort and joy.**

The Shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm and wind;  
And went to Bethlehem straightway, This blessed Babe to find.

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy**

**O tidings of comfort and joy.**

But when to Bethlehem they came, Whereat this Infant lay,  
They found Him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay;  
His mother Mary kneeling, Unto the Lord did pray.

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy**

**O tidings of comfort and joy.**

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place;  
And with true love and brotherhood, each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas, doth bring redeeming grace.

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy**

**O tidings of comfort and joy.**

## **RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER**

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, had a very shiny nose  
And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows.  
All of the other reindeer, used to laugh and call him names,  
They never let poor Rudolph, join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say  
Rudolph with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?

Then how the reindeer loved him, as they shouted out with glee:

"Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, you'll go down in history"

"You'll go down in history"



## THE FIRST NOEL

The first noel, the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as  
they lay.  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel**  
**Born is the King of Israel**

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the East beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so, it continued both day and night.

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel**  
**Born is the King of Israel**

And by the light of that same star,  
Three wise men came from country far  
To seek for a King was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel**  
**Born is the King of Israel**

This star drew nigh to the north-west;  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay:

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel**  
**Born is the King of Israel**

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought  
And with His blood man-kind has bought.

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel**  
**Born is the King of Israel**



## SILENT NIGHT

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.

Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Christ, the Saviour is born  
Christ, the Saviour is born.

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