

God rest you merry, gentlemen

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8 6 8 6 8 6 and refrain

Music: English traditional,
arranged David Lee

Descant

The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics, a piano accompaniment with chords, and a descant line. The descant line is marked 'Descant' and features a repeat sign. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia! God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let ia! Al - le, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - noth - ing you dis - may, re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - iour was ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Ah - Al - le - born on Christ - mas Day, to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a -

Chords:
 System 1: Em, DMaj7/F#, Em, DMaj7/F#, Em, C DMaj7Em, Em, DMaj7/F#, Em, DMaj7/F#
 System 2: Em, DMaj7, C, DMaj7, Em, Em, DMaj7/F#, Em, DMaj7/F#
 System 3: Em, Am7, B, Am7, Dsus4, GMaj7, C, Am

lu - ia! Ah com-fort and joy

stray: O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and joy! O

Al - le - lu ia!

ti - dings of com - fort and joy! joy!

Except last verse Last verse

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(L.H.)

1. God rest you 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!*

2. From God our heavenly Father
 a blessèd 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...

3. And when they came to Bethlehem
 where our dear Saviour lay,
 they found him in a manger
 where oxen feed on hay;
 his mother Mary kneeling down
 unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings...

4. 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
 all other doth efface:
O tidings...