

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 and 3/2 time. It consists of four systems of music. The first system includes a descant for the first vocal line. The second system contains the main vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The third system continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The fourth system concludes the piece with a final vocal line and piano accompaniment.

System 1:

Vocal 1: Al - le - lu -

Vocal 2: God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let

System 2:

Vocal 1: ia! Al - le, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al -

Vocal 2: noth - ing you dis - may, re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - iour was born on Christ - mas

System 3:

Vocal 1: le - lu - ia! Ah_ Al - le - lu - ia!

Vocal 2: Day, to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray: O

System 4:

Vocal 1: (Empty staff)

Vocal 2: (Empty staff)

Ah_ com- fort and joy Al - le -

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

Em Am Bm CMaj7 B7 Em DMaj7/F# Em

lu - ia!

com - fort and joy! joy!

Am Bm7 Em DMaj7/F# Em (L.H.)

Except last verse Last verse

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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 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...

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...