

19. God rest you merry, gentlemen

v. 1 Unison
v. 2 Harmony

English traditional carol
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

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S WOOD
1866-1926)



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SOPRANO
ALTO

(ORGAN)

TENOR
BASS

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let no - thing you dis - may, For
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came, And

Je - sus Christ our Sa - viour Was born up - on this day, To save us all from
un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought ti - dings of the same, How that in Beth - le -

Sa - tan's power When we were gone a - stray: - O ti - dings of com - fort and
- hem was born The Son of God by name: -

com - fort and Verse 5 overleaf

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Unison
3. The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoicèd much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway
This blessèd babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Harmony
4. 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.

*If preferred, the refrain may always be sung in unison (with organ accompaniment).

SOPRANOS 1 2

ALTO

TENORS and BASSES (with CONGREGATION)

5. Now to the Lord sing prai - ses, All you with-in this place, And

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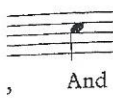
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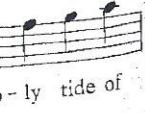
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