



THE SONGS OF
CHRISTMAS



“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

(Colossians 3:16)

“God Rest Ye
Merry
Gentlemen”



*A traditional English carol from the
1500s*

What line in this song do you find
most striking?

With what does your soul resonate?

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

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“God Keep You Merry, Gentlemen”

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- MERRY - strong, great, mighty

What are the petitions of this carol?

“I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.”

(1 John 2:14)

“God Keep You Strong, Gentle Folk”

- YE - you (plural)
- REST - to keep, hold, or make something to remain/continue on
- MERRY - strong, great, mighty
- GENTLE - meek, mild, humble, powerless, lowly, vulnerable

Luke 1:30-33

30 “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

*“The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will
overshadow you.” (Luke 1:35)*

*“Behold, I am the servant of the Lord. Let
it be to me according to your word.”*
(Luke 1:38)

Luke 1:46-49

46 ...“My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.”

Luke 1:51-52

51 “He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. 52 He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate.”

“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11)

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sin.”

(Colossians 1:13-14)

Colossians 1:19-21

19 For in Jesus all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds...

Colossians 1:22-23

22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven.

How does the singing of this song
change the worshipper?

“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 deface [outshine].”

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

“In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:37-39)