

# 29. GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

Traditional

Traditional English melody  
 Arranged by JOHN SANDERS

Brisk (♩ = 70)

Soprano  
 and Alto

**PREVIEW ONLY**

*f* 1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let no - thing you dis - may, Re -  
*mp* 2. In Beth - le - hem in Jew - ry This bless - ed babe was born, And  
*mf* 3. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came, And

Men

Optional  
 Organ  
 or Piano

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-mem - ber Christ our Sa - viour\_ Was born on Christ - mas Day; To save us all from  
 laid with - in a man - ger\_ Up - on this bless - ed morn - ing\_ The which his mo - ther  
 un - to cer - tain shep - herds\_ Poun - t the dog - of\_ the same, How that in Beth - le -

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Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray:  
 Ma - ry Did no - thing take in scorn: O\_ ti - dings of\_ com - fort and  
 -hem\_ was born The Son of\_ God by name:

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joy, com - fort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

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4. "For now," then said the angel,  
 "Let nothing you affright,  
 This day is born a Saviour  
 Of a pure Virgin bright,  
 To free all those who trust in him  
 From Satan's power and might."  
*O tidings of comfort and joy.*

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*f* 5. The shepherds at those tidings  
 Rejoicèd much in mind,  
 And left their flocks - leading  
 In hope - storm and wind,  
 And went to Bethlehem straightway  
 This blessèd babe to find:  
*O tidings of comfort and joy.*

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*p* 6. But when to Bethlehem they came,  
 Whereat this infant lay,  
 They found him in a manger,  
 Where oxen feed on hay;  
 His mother Mary kneel'd in,  
 Up to the Lord she pray'd,  
*O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*ff* 7. 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 others doth deface:  
*O tidings of comfort and joy.*

Alternative version of last verse for unison singing overleaf.

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Alternative version of last verse for unison singing

Poco maestoso

*ff*

7. Now to the Lord sing praise, All you wish in this place, And

*ff*

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with true love and brother-hood Each o - ther now em - brace; This ho - ly tide of

*ff*

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Christ - mas All o - thers doth de - face: O — ti - dings of com - fort and

*ff*

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rall.

joy, com - fort and joy, O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

*rall.*

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