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To save the world*



*"It is here, in the thing that happened at the first Christmas, that the profoundest and most unfathomable depths of the Christian revelation lie. 'The Word became flesh' (Jn. 1:14); God became man; the divine Son became a Jew; the Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, unable to do more than lie and stare and wriggle and make noises, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. ...The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets."*

• J.I. Packer •

# PREPARE HIM ROOM

• CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN SONG •

# 1. Come All Ye Faithful

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*Luke 2:8-20*

## VERSE 1

Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

## REFRAIN

O come, let us adore Him  
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O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

## VERSE 2

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

## VERSE 3

True God of true God, Light from Light eternal  
Humbly, He enters the virgin's womb  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created

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# 2. He Who Is Mighty

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*Isaiah 9:6-7*

## VERSE 1

Oh, the mercy our God has shown  
To those who sit in death's shadow  
The sun on high pierced the night  
Born was the Cornerstone

## PRE-CHORUS

Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born

## CHORUS

He Who is mighty has done a great thing  
Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting  
Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame  
Holy is His name

## VERSE 2

Oh, the freedom our Savior won  
The yoke of sin has been broken  
Once a slave, now by grace  
No more condemnation

## BRIDGE

Now my soul magnifies the Lord  
I rejoice in the God Who saves  
I will trust His unfailing love  
I will sing His praises all my days

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### 3. What Child Is This

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*Luke 1:26-30*

#### VERSE 1

What Child is this Who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud  
The Babe, the Son of Mary

#### VERSE 2

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and lamb are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through  
The cross be borne for me, for you  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh  
The Babe, the Son of Mary

#### VERSE 3

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh  
Come peasant, king to own Him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him  
Raise, raise a song on high  
The virgin sings her lullaby  
Joy, joy for Christ is born  
The Babe, the Son of Mary

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### 4. God Made Low

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*Galatians 4:1-7*

#### VERSE 1

Prophets promised long ago  
A King would come to bring us hope  
And now a virgin bears a son  
The time to save the world has come

#### VERSE 2

Humble shepherds run in haste  
To see the One the angels praised  
In cattle stall they find a girl  
Who holds the hope of all the world

#### CHORUS

Emmanuel has come to us  
The Christ is born, Hallelujah!  
Our God made low to raise us up  
Emmanuel, has come to us

#### VERSE 3

As He sleeps upon the hay  
He holds the moon and stars in place  
Though born an infant He remains  
The sovereign God of endless days

#### VERSE 4

For all our sins one day He'll die  
To make us sons of God on high  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
The promises have all come true

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## 5. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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*Isaiah 7:10-14*

### VERSE 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

### VERSE 2

O come, Thou, Dayspring from on high  
And cause Thy light on us to rise  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadow put to flight  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

### VERSE 3

O come, O come, true prophet of the Lord  
And turn the key to heaven's door  
Be Thou our comforter and guide  
And lead us to the Father's side  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall by His word our darkness dispel

### VERSE 4

O come, our great High Priest, and intercede  
Thy sacrifice, our only plea  
The judgment we no longer fear  
Thy precious blood has brought us near  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Has banished every fear of hell

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## 6. One Still Night

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*Matthew 1:18-25*

### VERSE 1

One still night, Mary awoke  
Stirred by an angel, she trembled as he spoke  
One small child would soon be born  
The King of kings will wear a crown of thorns

### CHORUS

"Glory to God," the angels sang  
"Immanuel was born for you this day  
Peace on earth, good will toward men  
Immanuel has come to Bethlehem  
Immanuel has come to Bethlehem"

### VERSE 2

One still night, while Joseph dreamed  
He saw a vision within his troubled sleep  
One small child, his bride would give  
Deliverer delivered to save us from our sin

### BRIDGE

And to His kingdom there'll be no end  
And to His kingdom there'll be no end  
And to His kingdom there'll be no end

### VERSE 3

One still night, a light was shown  
That all the darkness could never overcome

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## 7. Before the Skies

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*John 1:1-5, 14*

### VERSE 1

Before the skies were stretched abroad  
From everlasting was the Word  
God was He; the Word was God  
And He must be adored

### VERSE 2

By the Word all came to be  
The universe and all contained  
Showing God's authority  
His power and His reign

### REFRAIN

Glory, glory  
Glory in the highest  
Glory, glory  
Glory God is with us  
With us

### VERSE 3

Though His glories still proceed  
Never changing from our Lord  
He laid down His majesty  
And took on human form

### VERSE 4

Mortals here beheld His face  
The Heav'nly Father's perfect Son  
Full of truth and full of grace  
The Savior now has come!

### VERSE 5

He gave up His life in love  
So our lips could gladly tell  
Christ, the Word, has come to us  
Our Lord, Immanuel

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## 8. Who Would Have Dreamed

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*Micah 5:1-2*

### VERSE 1

On a starlit hillside, shepherds watched their sheep  
Slowly, David's city drifted off to sleep  
But to this little town of no great renown  
The Lord had a promise to keep

### VERSE 2

Prophets had foretold it, a mighty King would come  
Long awaited Ruler, God's Anointed One  
But the Sovereign of all looked helpless and small  
As God gave the world His own Son

### CHORUS

And who would have dreamed or ever foreseen  
That we could hold God in our hands?  
The Giver of Life is born in the night  
Revealing God's glorious plan  
To save the world

### VERSE 3

Wondrous gift of heaven: the Father sends the Son  
Planned from time eternal, moved by holy love  
He will carry our curse and death He'll reverse  
So we can be daughters and sons

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## 9. O Holy Night (Hear the Gospel Story)

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*Luke 2:8-14*

### VERSE 1

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

### VERSE 2

Humbly He lay, Creator come as creature,  
Born on the floor of a hay-scattered stall.  
True Son of God, yet bearing human feature,  
He entered Earth to reverse Adam's fall.  
In towering grace, He laid aside His glory,  
And in our place, was sacrificed for sin.  
Fall on your knees! O hear the gospel story!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

### VERSE 3

Come then to Him Who lies within the manger,  
With joyful shepherds, proclaim Him as Lord.  
Let not the Promised Son remain a stranger;  
In reverent worship, make Christ your Adored.  
Eternal life is theirs who would receive Him;  
With grace and peace, their lives He will adorn.  
Fall on your knees! Receive the Gift of heaven!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night when Christ was born!

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## 10. There Blooms a Rose in Bethlehem

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*Luke 23:33-46*

### VERSE 1

There blooms a rose in Bethlehem  
From tender stem hath sprung  
Of Jesse's line this flower grows  
As men of old have sung  
Isaiah told us long ago  
About this rose we'd find  
In virgin arms we shall behold  
The Savior of mankind

### VERSE 2

The glories of the heavens  
Surrounded shepherds bright  
The angels sang, a sign was shown  
The Christ was born that night  
What mystery they came upon  
The sign the heralds laud  
In manger slept the Holy One  
In flesh, the Son of God

### VERSE 3

This flow'r in bloom, a scent so sweet  
That greets us in the air  
It has dispelled with hopefulness  
The sting of death's despair  
Foretold, this rose was born to die  
But would not see decay  
So those who place their faith in Him  
Shall blossom from the grave

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# 11. The Unbelievable

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*Isaiah 42:1-7*

## VERSE 1

Come and see the inconceivable  
And believe the unbelievable  
God has come to dwell with us  
Begotten Son born into Adam's earth  
Promised One fulfilling ancient words  
God has come to dwell with us

## BRIDGE

Who could ever know the depths  
Of the myst'ry of Your grace?  
Though our minds can't take it in  
Lord, our hearts are filled with praise

## VERSE 2

He will heal the unhealable  
He will save the unsavable  
God has come to dwell with us  
Heaven's joy will drink our bitter cup  
Emptied out as He is lifted up  
God has come to dwell with us

## VERSE 3

Lord we're lost in overwhelming awe  
At the thought of such amazing love  
God has come, God has come  
God has come to dwell with us

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# 12. Prepare Him Room

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*Luke 2:25-35*

## VERSE 1

O behold, the mystery now unfolds  
See the star shine on the virgin foretold  
Angels sing and light up the sky  
Hope rings out in a newborn's cry  
Swing wide, you ancient gates  
For Christ is born today!

## CHORUS

Prepare Him room  
Prepare Him room  
Let the King of glory enter in

## VERSE 2

God with us, the promise has come to be  
This, the one the prophets were longing to see  
In the darkness a blazing light  
To the hungry the words of life  
His kingdom now is near  
For those with ears to hear

## VERSE 3

Oh, our hearts, as busy as Bethlehem  
Hear Him knock, don't say there's no room in the inn  
Through the cradle, cross, and grave  
See the love of God displayed  
Now He's risen and He reigns  
Praise the Name above all names!

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## 13. Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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*Revelation 7:9-12*

### VERSE 1

Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic host proclaim  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

### REFRAIN

Hark! the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

### VERSE 2

Christ, by highest Heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time, behold Him come  
Offspring of a virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel

### BRIDGE

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria

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## 14. Joy to the World (Our God Reigns)

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*Luke 2:1-20*

### VERSE 1

Joy to the world! The Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing

### VERSE 2

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy

### VERSE 3

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found

### VERSE 4

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love

### TAG

Let heaven and nature sing (Our God reigns)

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