

19. God rest you merry, gentlemen

v. 1 Unison
v. 2 Harmony

English traditional carol
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

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

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.

the refrain may always be sung in unison (with organ accompaniment).

Verse 5 overleaf

Also available separately (*Five Christmas Carols* arr. David Willcocks)

SOPRANOS
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ALTOS

TENORS and BASSES (with CONGREGATION)

ORGAN

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Ah *Ah*

Ah *Ah*

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

Sw.

Gt.

Ped.

Ah *Ah* *Ah*

Ah *Ah* *Ah*

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

O ti - dings of com - fort and

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

Gl.

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