

# God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

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Music: Traditional English carol

Tune name: GOD REST YOU MERRY

Arrangement: John Stainer (1840-1901), in *Christmas Carols New and Old* (1867), no. 1, p. 2-3

Steadily ♩ = 66-76

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may,  
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came,  
3. "Go! Fear not!" said God's an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright,  
4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,  
5. Now to the Lord sing prais - es All you with - in this place,

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Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was born up - on this day,  
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought tid - ings of the same,  
This day is born a Sav - ior Of a pure Vir - gin bright,  
And left their flocks a - feed - ing In tem - pest, storm, and wind,  
And with true love and broth - er - hood Each oth - er now em - brace;

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To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray:  
How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name:  
To free all those who trust in Him From Sa - tan's pow'r and might."  
And went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the bless - ed babe to find:  
This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas All oth - ers doth ef - face:

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Oh, tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy, Oh, tid - ings of com - fort and joy.