

# 19. God rest you merry, gentlemen

v. 1 Unison  
v. 2 Harmony

English traditional carol  
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

SOPRANO  
ALTO

(ORGAN)

TENOR  
BASS

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 then 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.

\*If preferred, the refrain may always be sung in unison (with organ accompaniment).

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

Verse 5 overleaf

