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Dear Singers- Here are the verses we will sing. We will sing all verses as written. In other words, if there are four parts, we will sing them, Please mark your music accordingly. See you tomorrow at 1:40 pm.  
Yours-DrW

UI- Please forward this to the orchestra.

## **Five Christmas Carols** arranged by David Willcocks

### I. God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

1. God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay  
Remember, Christ, our Saviour was born upon this day  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

2. From God our Heavenly Father a blessed Angel came;  
And unto certain Shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by Name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

5. 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 other doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

### II. O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

3. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks draw night with lowly fear;  
We, too, will thither bend our joyous footsteps  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

6. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above  
Glory to God in the Highest;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

7. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,

Jesu, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing,  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

### III. Unto Us is Born a Son

1. Unto us is born a son, King of Quires supernal:  
See on earth his life begun, of lords the Lord eternal,

of lords the Lord eternal.

2. Christ, from heaven descending low, comes on earth a stranger;  
Ox and ass their owner know be-cradled in the manger,

be-cradled in the manger.

3. This did Herod sore affray, and did him bewilder,  
So he gave the word to slay, and slew the little childer,

and slew the little childer.

4. Of his love and mercy mild hear the Christmas story:  
O that Mary's gentle Child might lead us up to glory,

might lead us up to glory!

5. O and A and A and O, *Cum cantemus in choro*,  
Voice and organ, sing we so, *Benedicamus Domino*,

*Benedicamus Domino*.

### IV. The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the Angels did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!

2. They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the East beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light

### V. Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

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 the angelic host proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

And so it continued both day and night.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!

3. And by the light of that same star  
three Wise men came from country far  
to seek for a King was their intent  
and to follow the star wherever it went.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!

6. Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
that hath made Heaven and earth of nought  
and with his blood mankind has bought.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!

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 the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel;  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"