



# TIS THE SEASON

FRED KOCH

HOLIDAY SONGS FOR  
THE CHILD IN ALL OF US





## Must Be Santa

(H. Moore and B. Fredricks)  
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Who's got a beard that's long and white?  
Santa's got a beard that's long and white.  
Who comes around on a special night?  
Santa comes around on a special night.  
Special night, beard that's white.

### CHORUS:

Must be Santa, Must be Santa,  
Must be Santa, Santa Claus!

Who's got boots and a suit of red?  
Santa's got boots and a suit of red.  
Who wears a long cap on their head?  
Santa wears a long cap on his head.  
Cap on head, suit that's red.  
Special night, beard that's white.

### CHORUS

Who's got a great big cherry nose?  
Santa's got a great big cherry nose.  
Who laughs this way "HO, HO, HO?"  
Santa laughs this way "HO, HO, HO."  
"HO, HO, HO," cherry nose.  
Cap on head, suit that's red.  
Special night, beard that's white.

### CHORUS

Who very soon will come our way?  
Santa very soon will come our way.  
Eight little reindeer pull his sleigh.  
Eight little reindeer pull his sleigh.  
Reindeer sleigh, come our way.  
"HO, HO, HO" cherry nose.  
Cap on head, suit that's red.  
Special night, beard that's white.

### CHORUS

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Vocals: Fred Koch & The Kids  
Accordion: Willy Schwarz  
Electric Guitar: Don Stiernberg  
Acoustic Bass: Jim Cox  
Drums: Kevin Connelley



## Up On The Housetop

Traditional

Up on the housetop the reindeer pause,  
Out jumps good old Santa Claus.  
Down through the chimney with  
lots of toys,  
All for the good little girls and boys.



### CHORUS:

"HO HO HO" – who wouldn't go?  
"HO HO HO" – who wouldn't go?  
Up on the housetop, click, click, click,  
Down through the chimney  
with good St. Nick.

Reindeer are restless beside your sleigh,  
Eager to leave and be on their way.  
But on the mantel, we've left for you  
Apples, and an orange and  
some warm milk, too.

### CHORUS

Please find the stocking that's  
deep and strong,  
I've been a good kid all year long.  
Please, if you have them, and if they'll fit,  
Leave me a bat and a catcher's mitt.

### CHORUS

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Vocals: Fred Koch, Vanessa Fiore & The Kids  
Clarinet: Michael Levin  
Trombone: Audrey Morrison  
Trumpet: Steve Rashid  
Banjo: Don Stiernberg  
Vibes: Ken Hall  
Acoustic Bass: Jim Cox  
Drums: Kevin Connelley  
Arrangement: Steve Rashid



## Oh Come Little Children

(Instrumental), Traditional

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Vibes: Ken Hall  
Flute: Michael Levin  
Mandolin: Don Stiernberg  
Güiro, Triangle: Alejo Poveda  
Acoustic Bass: Jim Cox  
Drums: Kevin Connelley  
Arrangement: Ken Hall



## Sleigh Bells Jingling

Words and Music by Fred Koch  
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Sleigh bells jingling, (ECHO)  
Icicles tingling, (ECHO)  
Winter's here,  
We are here, together.

Candles everywhere, (ECHO)  
Lots of love to share, (ECHO)  
We'll sing our songs for you,  
We'll let our love shine through,  
together.



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Vocals: Fred Koch & The Kids  
Vibes: Ken Hall  
Accordion: Willy Schwarz  
Flute: Michael Levin  
Sleigh Bells, Triangle: Alejo Poveda  
Acoustic Guitar: Fred Koch



## Silver Bells

(R. Evans and J. Livingstone)  
Paramount Music Corp. (ASCAP)

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks,  
Dressed in holiday style.  
In the air there's a feeling of Christmas.  
Children laughing, people passing,  
Meeting smile after smile.  
And on ev'ry street corner you hear:

### CHORUS:

Silver bells, Silver bells  
It's Christmas time in the city.  
Ring-a-ling, hear them ring,  
Soon it will be Christmas day.

City street lights even stop lights  
Blink a bright red and green,  
As the shoppers rush home  
with their treasures.  
Hear the snow crunch, see the kids bunch,

This is Santa's big scene,  
And above all the bustle you hear:

### CHORUS

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Vocal: Steve Rashid  
Vibes: Ken Hall  
Soprano Saxophone: Michael Levin  
Acoustic Bass: Jim Cox  
Drums: Kevin Connelley  
Arrangement: Ken Hall



## Hanukkah Medley: Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah/Hanukkah

Traditional

Hanukkah, Hanukkah, Festival of Lights.,  
Candles glow, in a row, seven days,  
eight nights.  
Hanukkah, Hanukkah, make your  
dreydls spin,  
'Round and 'round, 'round and 'round,  
everyone join in!  
Hanukkah, Hanukkah, what a merry time,  
Cakes to eat, what a treat, see the  
faces shine.



Hanukkah, Hanukkah, sing and dance  
this way,  
'Round and 'round, 'round and 'round,  
happy holiday!

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Vocals: Fred Koch & The Kids

Accordion: Willy Schwarz

Clarinet: Michael Levin

Violin: Stuart Rosenberg

Mandolin, Acoustic Guitar: Don Stiernberg

Acoustic Bass: Jim Cox

Drums: Kevin Connelley



## All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth

(D.Gardner) Warner Bros., Inc.

Everybody stops and stares at me.  
These two teeth are gone as you can see.  
I don't know just who to blame  
for this catastrophe!  
But my one wish on Christmas Eve  
is as plain as it can be!

### CHORUS:

All I want for Christmas is my two  
front teeth,

My two front teeth, see my two  
front teeth.

Gee, if I could only have my two  
front teeth,

Then I could wish you "Merry Christmas!"

It seems so long since I could say,

"Sister Susie sitting on a thistle!"

Gosh oh gee, how happy I'd be,

If I could only whistle — "thhh... thhh..."

### CHORUS

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Vocal: Jenny Hall

Guitar: Fred Koch



## It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

(Instrumental) Traditional

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Guitar: Greg Bennett





## Here Comes Santa Claus

(G. Autry and O. Haldeman)  
Gene Autry Music Publ., Inc.

Here comes Santa Claus!  
Here comes Santa Claus!  
Right down Santa Claus lane!  
Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeer  
are pulling on the rein.  
Bells are ringing, children singing,  
all is merry and bright.  
Hang your stockings, say your prayers,  
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.

Here comes Santa Claus!  
Here comes Santa Claus!  
Right down Santa Claus lane!  
He's got a bag that is filled with toys  
for the boys and girls again.  
Hear those sleigh bells jingle-jangle,  
what a beautiful sight.  
Jump in bed, cover up your head,  
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.

Here comes Santa Claus!  
Here comes Santa Claus!  
Right down Santa Claus lane!

He doesn't care if you're rich or poor  
for he loves you just the same.  
Santa knows that you're good children,  
that makes everything right.  
Fill your hearts with Christmas cheer,  
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.

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Vocal: Fred Koch

Vibes: Ken Hall

Sleigh Bells: Alejo Poveda

Tenor Saxophone: Michael Levin

Acoustic Guitar: Don Stiernberg

Acoustic Bass: Jim Cox

Drums: Kevin Connelley



## Jolly Old St. Nicholas

Traditional

Choose for me, dear Santa Claus,  
you will know the best (2X)

Jolly Old St. Nicholas,  
lean your ear this way,  
Don't you tell a single soul  
what I'm going to say.  
Christmas Eve is coming soon,  
now you dear old man,



Whisper what you'll bring to me,  
tell me if you can.

When the clock is striking twelve,  
when I'm fast asleep,  
Down the chimney broad and black,  
with your pack you'll creep. All the  
stockings you will find  
hanging in a row,  
Mine will be the shortest one,  
you'll be sure to know.

Johnny wants a pair of skates,  
Susie wants a sled,  
Nellie wants a story book,  
one she hasn't read.  
Now, I think I'll leave to you,  
what to give the rest,  
Choose for me, dear Santa Claus,  
you will know the best.

Choose for me, dear Santa Claus,  
you will know the best (2X)

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Vocal: Scott Hall  
Guitar: Fred Koch  
Flute, Piccolo: Sheri Hoffmann



## Jingle Bells

Original Words and Music  
by James Pierpoint

Dashing through the snow,  
in a one-horse open sleigh.  
O'er the fields we go,  
laughing all the way.  
Bells on bob-tails ring,  
making spirits bright.  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
a sleighing song tonight!  
Oh, Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells!  
Jingle all the way!  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
in a one-horse open sleigh!  
Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells!  
Jingle all the way!  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
in a one-horse open sleigh!

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Vocals: Lindsey Jeannides and The Kids  
Electric Guitar: Don Stiernberg  
Tenor Saxophones: Michael Levin  
Timbales, Cowbells, Cymbal,  
Shakers, Triangle: Alejo Poveda  
Acoustic Bass: Jim Cox  
Drums: Kevin Connelley





## Cold Is The Morning

Music Traditional Czech:

"Carol Of The Shepherds" Poem by Willys Peck Kent

Cold is the morning and bleak is the day.  
Warm are our hearts as the sunshine  
of May!

### CHORUS:

Sing, little children, sing in your gladness.  
Let Christmas pleasures banish  
your sadness.  
Love, joy and peace to you.

Peace and goodwill is our message to you.  
Great be your joys, may your sorrows  
be few.

### CHORUS

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Vocals: Al Day

Accordion, Drums, Tambourine,

Sopranino Recorders: Willy Schwarz

Cabasa, Lil' Bells: Alejo Poveda

Autoharp, Wind Chimes: Fred Koch

Arrangement: Willy Schwarz, Steve Rashid



## Sleigh Ride

(Instrumental)

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Vibes: Ken Hall

Tenor Saxophone: Michael Levin

Organ, Piano: Steve Rashid

Conga Drums, Timbales,

Cowbells, Cymbal: Alejo Poveda

Acoustic Bass: Jim Cox

Drums: Kevin Connelley

Arrangement: Ken Hall



## Oh, Christmas Tree

Traditional

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh, Christmas Tree  
How lovely are your branches.

Oh, Christmas Tree, Oh, Christmas Tree  
How lovely are your branches.

In summer sun or winter snow,

A coat of green you always show,

Oh, Christmas Tree, Oh, Christmas Tree  
How lovely are your branches.

Oh, Christmas Tree, Oh, Christmas Tree  
Your gentle spirit teaches us.



Oh, Christmas Tree, Oh, Christmas Tree  
Your gentle spirit teaches us.  
That peace and love shall ever be  
As faithful as a Christmas Tree.  
Oh, Christmas Tree, Oh, Christmas Tree  
Your gentle spirit teaches us.

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Vocal: The Christmas Tree Kids—Claire Allen (verse two soloist), Kim Callaghan (verse three soloist), Jenny Hall  
Marimba Lumina: Ken Hall  
Synthesizer and Computer: Steve Samler



## Feliz Navidad

(J. Feliciano)  
J. & H. Publishing Co.

### CHORUS:

Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad,  
Feliz Navidad, prospero año y felicidad.  
Feliz Navidad, Feliz Navidad,  
Feliz Navidad, prospero año y felicidad.

We want to wish you a Merry Christmas.  
We want to wish you a Merry Christmas.  
We want to wish you a Merry Christmas  
From the bottom of our hearts!

### CHORUS

We want to wish you a Merry Christmas,  
With mistletoe and lots of cheer.  
With lots of laughter throughout  
the years,  
From the bottom of our hearts!

### CHORUS

We want to wish you a Merry Christmas.  
We want to wish you a Merry Christmas.  
We want to wish you a Merry Christmas  
From the bottom of our hearts!

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Vocals: Fred Koch & The Kids  
Accordion: Willy Schwarz  
Acoustic Guitar, Mandolin: Don Stiernberg  
Conga Drums, Claves: Alejo Poveda  
Acoustic Bass: Jim Cox  
Drums: Kevin Connelley

### The Kids:

Kristina Fiore, Vanessa Fiore, Jenny Hall, Scott Hall,  
Lindsey Jeannides, Shauna McCarthy, Ben Roy

### The Christmas Tree Kids:

Claire Allen, Kim Callaghan, Jenny Hall



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Happy Holidays, forever!

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**Fred Koch** has won awards as a children's music artist (Parents' Choice, Children's Music Web) and a music educator (Kohl International Prize for Exemplary Teaching). His award-winning website **BestChildrensMusic.com**, is guiding parents and teachers to quality music for their children. Fred's songs have appeared on albums by Greg & Steve (*Kids In Motion, Kids In Action*), Mr. Al (*Bop 'Til You Drop*) and he produced, at Steve Rashid's studio, Mr. Al's award-winning *Rock The Baby*. Fred also writes the monthly music review column for *Chicago Parent* and is a regular contributor to *Parents* magazine.

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