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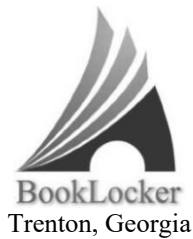
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There's A Reason For Singing

Tune: Morning Has Broken

Darkness is broken, sin's night is shattered,
Shades have been lifted, the prisoners set free.
The wounded are made whole, the lowly exalted,
The poor now have hope for their Savior is here.

The world is resounding with much jubilation,
For Jesus Messiah from Heaven has come.
Amid tribulation, there's reason for singing.
The weary find hope in the rest that He brings.

For those in deep sorrow, there is promise of comfort
For this lowly baby will soon conquer sin.
Joy He is bringing, salvation and healing.
So, lift up your hearts and sing to our King!

The reason for singing is Jesus our Savior
Who came to deliver from sin's suffering.
A great day is coming when all those who love Him
Will dwell in His kingdom, His praises to sing.

Isaiah 9:2-4

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy...You have shattered the yoke that burdened them...”

Spread The News

Tune: Deck the Halls

Refrain: (sung after each line)

Glory to our God who reigns on high!

Hark, the herald angels sing!
Tidings of great joy they bring.
Earth, come now receive your King.
Come and bring your gifts to Him.

Unto us is born this day
God incarnate come to stay.
Christ the Savior in a manger,
Come to rescue us from danger.

Shepherds in the fields abiding
Gaze in wonder at such tidings.
Then they haste to Bethlehem's stable,
For to see the Holy Baby.

Wise men journey from the Orient
Following a star from heaven.
Precious gifts to Him they bring.
They are honoring the King.

Born a babe and yet a King,
Christ to earth salvation brings.
Now all men can know the Savior.
Come, receive the Father's favor.

As each old and New Year passes,
Spread the news, ye lads and lasses.

Christ the Lord was born to save,
Born to die that we might live.

Isaiah 52:7-12

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’ Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. ...Burst into songs of joy together...for the Lord has comforted His people...the Lord will lay bare His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.”

Christ The Hope Of The World

The Light of the world has entered our darkness
To show us the way out of hell.
To break the yoke of fear and depression,
The gloom of despair to dispel.

The Hope of the nations has come to relieve us
From despots and tyrants that crush
Our spirits with mandates that stifle the freedoms
Our Creator has given to us.

The Deliverer from racial hate and injustice
Has come to abolish all ills.
He will bind up the wounds of the broken and desperate
As in them His love he instills.

He has come here to offer forgiveness and healing,
Bringing peace to a sin-riddled planet.
Souls in turmoil who humbly grasp for His mercy
Will find that He graciously grants it.

The Savior has come offering freedom and gladness.
He brings joy to a world bathed in sorrow.
So, sing and rejoice! Christ, the Hope of the world,
Has promised a brighter tomorrow.

John 8:12

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Christmas Joy

Tune: Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Have yourself a very merry Christmas!
May your hearts be light!
Jesus Christ was born upon this holy night.
As you celebrate the Savior's birthday
Spreading joy around,
Let the people know true peace in Christ abounds.
He is not just a helpless babe
Born two thousand years ago;
He's the King who true freedom brings,
Yet so many in the world don't know.
Jesus died that we might be forgiven.
Spread this hope around.
Tell the world eternal life in Him is found
And have yourself a very merry Christmas now!

One day Jesus will return from Heaven.
May your heart be right!
He will dry all tears and turn the dark to light.
He's the only one who can deliver
From the weight of sin.
Trust Him now and find deep-settled peace within.
Wars will cease, unity increase
When He reigns as Prince of Peace.
Every knee then to Him will bow.
Come, adore the Savior now.
Open up your heart, make room for Jesus;
Let the Savior in.
Find the true contentment that His Presence brings
And have yourself a very merry Christmas now!

Psalm 95:1-2; 96:1-4

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods.”



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