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The
**DEFEATING
SCROOGE**
Spirit Saver
CAROL SONGBOOK



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A note from Renae Baker, the Author of Defeating Scrooge

Season's greetings! I'm delighted that you now have the Official Defeating Scrooge Carol Songbook! I invite you to make several copies and pull them out when you have a holiday gathering. Once you've printed the pages, a simple staple in the upper left hand corner, 3-hole punch and binders or whatever creative way you might concoct to join the pages will turn them into the activity centerpiece of your event, and also make jolly take-home gifts. The interesting histories of the carols make intriguing introductions to the carols and the parlor game questions which follow each carol may inspire fun, curiosity and a celebration your guests will remember with smiles for years. As the host of the gathering, you might choose to not include the answer page on your guest's songbooks to keep the guessing going longer.

I'd like to introduce myself and give you a little background as to how Defeating Scrooge came about. I have been the founder and director of I S.M.I.L.E. in New York Productions since 1997. I SMILE, as we fondly call our troupe, is comprised of Broadway holiday carolers in New York City and the surrounding area. We carol at some of NYC's most iconic establishments and from glorious stages to doors and hearths of festive home holiday parties. My carolers call me "Mrs. Christmas," and "Carol Boss." Many people who know me think I have the corner on the market for Christmas spirit. But one year, I found that spirit was missing. It was painful, and unacceptable to me to endure another December without it.

So I set myself on a journey through the carols, which I describe, in detail, in my book, *Defeating Scrooge - How to Harness the Power of Christmas Carols to Revive Your Spirit Any Time of Year*.

Spoiler Alert: The process worked, and the interesting historical facts I uncovered through this process found their way into my introductions of carols as we performed them.

Now you can do the same!

Please visit www.ismileny.com and contact me to share your holiday stories. Let me know how this carol songbook added to your event!

My wish for you and your loved ones is that all of your holidays are joyful and triumphant!

Love and Joy,

Renae

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Composer and lyricist unknown

Did you know:

Although *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* is thought to be written in the 16th century or earlier, it wasn't allowed in churches for hundreds of years, and it wasn't published until the 1800s.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Let nothing you dismay:
Remember Christ our savior
Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we had gone astray;

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly 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 tidying of comfort and joy.

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 others doth efface,

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidying of comfort and joy.

Carol quiz question 1:

In medieval times, when this carol is thought to be written, what did the word "rest" mean in the context of this carol?

Good King Wenceslas

Words by John M. Neale (1818–1866)

First published in 1853

Did you know:

Wenceslas was actually the Duke of Bohemia, but he was so beloved, that he was given the title of king posthumously.

Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of Stephen
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night, tho the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight gathering winter fuel.

Hither page and stand by me. If thou know'st it telling
Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?
Sire he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain
Right against the forest fence, by St. Agnus fountain.

Bring me flesh and bring me wine. Bring me pine logs hither!
Thou and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither.
Page and monarch forth they went. Forth they went together.
Through the rude wind's wild lament and the bitter weather.

“Sire the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger.
Fails my heart, I know not how. I can go no longer.”
“Mark my footsteps, my good page! Tread thou in them boldly.
Thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze thy blood less coldly.”

In his master's steps he trod where the snow lay dinted.
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.
Therefore Christian men be sure, wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.

Carol quiz question 2:

What is another name for the day observed as the Feast of St. Stephen?

O Holy Night!

Lyrics: Placide Cappeau (1808–1877)

Music: Adolphe Charles Adams (1803-1853)

English Translator: John Sullivan Dwight (1813-1893)

Did you know:

Legend has it that, on Christmas Eve, 1870, the fighting between the French and German armies stopped the Franco-Prussian War for twenty-four hours, when a French soldier threw down his weapons and started singing *O Holy Night!*

O Holy Night!

The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Fall on your knees
Oh hear the angel voices
Oh night divine
Oh night when Christ was born
Oh night divine
Oh night divine

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here come the wise men from Orient land
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our friend
He knows our need
To our weakness no stranger
Behold your king
Before him Lowly bend
Behold your king
Before him Lowly bend

Carol quiz question 3:

O Holy Night! was the first music ever played over what?

O Come All Ye Faithful

Words and Music: John Francis Wade (1711-86)

Did you know:

It was the singing together, in Latin, of this carol by the German soldiers and the British Allied Forces that brought them out of their trenches to celebrate Christmas together in peace on Christmas Eve, 1914.

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!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
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!

Adeste, fideles,
Laeti triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethlehem!
Natum videte,
Regem angelorum
Venite, adoremus!
Venite, adoremus!
Venite, adoramus Dominum!
Venite, adoramus Dominum!

Carol quiz question 4:

For how many hours did the "Christmas Truce of 1914" last?

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

Music: Lewis Redner (1831-1908)

Did you know:

The author of the words to this carol, Phillips Brooks, was also the author and the speaker of the eulogy at President Abraham Lincoln's funeral.

O Little Town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light!
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above.
While mortals sleep the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him still
The dear Christ enters in.

Where children pure and happy
Pray to the blessed Child,
Where misery cries out to Thee,
Son of the mother mild;
Where charity stands watching
And faith holds wide the door,
the dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born to us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

Carol quiz question 5:

What was Phillips Brooks' first career choice?

- a) Latin teacher
- b) Politician
- c) Poet

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

Music: John Baptiste Calkin (1827-1905)

Did you know:

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day was first a poem written out of heart break over the Civil War.

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

I thought how as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then in despair I bowed my head;
“There is no peace on earth” I said;
“For hate is strong
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!”

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep
The wrong shall fail
The right prevail
With peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till ringing, singing on it's way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Carol quiz question 6:

What was the name of the poem Longfellow wrote on Christmas Day, 1863, which would become *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*?

The Twelve Days of Christmas

*Origins Unknown
First printed in 1780*

Did you know:

The Twelve Days of Christmas is believed, by Catholic historians, to have been a secret code to teach children about the tenets of the Roman Catholic faith at a time when practicing or teaching the faith was forbidden and punishable by imprisonment and even death!

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
A partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Two French hens,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Six geese a'lying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,

And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me

Seven swans a'swimming,

Six geese a'laying,

Five golden rings,

Four calling birds,

Three French hens,

Two turtle doves,

And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me

Eight maids a'milking,

Seven swans a'swimming,

Six geese a'laying,

Five golden rings,

Four calling birds,

Three French hens,

Two turtle doves,

And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me

Nine ladies dancing,

Eight maids a'milking,

Seven swans a'swimming,

Six geese a'laying,

Five golden rings,

Four calling birds,

Three French hens,

Two turtle doves,

And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me

Ten lords a'leaping,

Nine ladies dancing,

Eight maids a'milking,

Seven swans a'swimming,

Six geese a'laying,

Five golden rings,

Four calling birds,

Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a'leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a'milking,
Seven swans a'swimming,
Six geese a'laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me
Twelve drummers drumming,
Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a'leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a'milking,
Seven swans a'swimming,
Six geese a'laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

Carol quiz question 7:

According to the secret code, what or who is represented by the “partridge in a pear tree?”

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We Wish You a Merry Christmas

*Thought to have originated as early as
the 5th to the 15th centuries
England*

Did you know:

We Wish You a Merry Christmas is one of several wassailing songs sung by poor farmers and children for their wealthy neighbors, in hopes of receiving tips of food or money.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas
We Wish You a Merry Christmas
And a happy new year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,
Good tiding for Christmas and a happy new year!

Now bring us some figgy pudding
Now bring us some figgy pudding
Now bring us some figgy pudding
And a cup of good cheer!

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,
Good tiding for Christmas and a happy new year!

For we all love figgy pudding
For we all love figgy pudding
For we all love figgy pudding
So bring some out here!

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin,
Good tiding for Christmas and a happy new year!

And we won't go until we get some
And we won't go until we get some
And we won't go until we get some
So bring some out here!

Carol quiz question 8:

“Wassail” is:

- a) a festive beverage
- b) a toast or salutation
- c) an act which was an early form of caroling
- d) all of the above

Joy to the World

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Thought to be Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Did you know:

At the time the wordsmith of *Joy to the World* was born, his father, a free-thinking nonconformist, was in prison for teaching radical ideas which were not approved by the Church of England at that time.

Joy to the World! the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessing flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His Love.

Carol quiz question 9:

Joy to the World was written as a paraphrase of the second half of what Psalm?

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Did you know:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing was originally entitled, *Hark How All the Welkin Rings*, and was one of nearly 9000 poems written by Charles Wesley, who was a preacher and co-founder of Methodism.

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 th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord.
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh, the God-head see,
Hail th’incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun 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!”

Come, Desire of nations, come!
Fix in us Thy humble home:
O, to all Thyself impart,
Formed in each believing heart!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Carol quiz question 10:

What does “Welkin” mean?

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Silent Night

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)

Music: Franz Gruber (1787-1863)

Did you know:

Silent Night, (originally *Stille Nacht*) was written out of a need for music at a Christmas Eve service when the church's organ became unplayable due to rust. It was the organ repairman who brought it to a larger audience. Traveling family singers brought it to further regions, even performing it for the King of Prussia in 1834, making it famous throughout Germany.

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavily hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus Lord at Thy birth.
Jesus Lord at Thy birth.

Carol quiz question 11:

What was the name of the church where Silent Night was first performed?

- a) Our Lady of Oberndorf
- b) St. Nicholas' Church
- c) St. Lorenz Church, Bavaria

Deck the Hall

Unknown

Did you know:

For such a famous and favorite of the carols, the origins of *Deck the Hall* has confounded historians. It is thought to be Welsh, dating back to the 16th century or earlier, and used as a circle dance.

Deck the hall with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la la la la!
'Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la la la la!
Don we now our gay apparel,
Fa la la la la la la la!
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,
Fa la la la la la la la!

See the blazing yule before us,
Fa la la la la la la la!
Strike the harp and join the chorus,
Fa la la la la la la la!
Follow me in merry measure,
Fa la la la la la la la!
While I tell of yuletide treasure,
Fa la la la la la la la!

Fast away the old year passes,
Fa la la la la la la la!
Hail the new ye lads and lasses,
Fa la la la la la la la!
Sing we joyous all together,
Fa la la la la la la la!
Heedless of the wind and weather,
Fa la la la la la la la!

Carol quiz question 12:

On what day was the traditional Welsh version of *Deck the Hall* sung and danced?

Carol quiz question answer page

1. Keep or make
2. Boxing Day
3. Radio waves
4. About 48
5. a) Latin teacher
6. "Christmas Bells"
7. Jesus Christ
8. d) All of the above
9. Psalm 98
10. Sky or heaven
11. b) St. Nicholas' Church
12. Dec. 31. New Year's Eve

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