

The Fire's *Very* Scottish Christmas



Scottish fiddle and highland bagpipe joined
with heartfelt singing in festive harmony

DAVID BREWER

Highland Bagpipes:

1940s era, Peter Henderson drones, McCallum chanter

Bodhran: by Del Eckels

Whistles: by Copeland, Burke, & O'Briain

Accordion: Castle, 1950s era

REBECCA LOMNICKY

Fiddle: by Jonathan Cooper, 2006

Backing Vocals

ADAM HENDEY

Vocals

Guitar: Martin 000c-16GTE, 2007

Bouzoukis: by Herb Taylor, 2016 & 2017

Reed Organ: Marco Polo, 1960s era

Harmonium: Bhava Mini

Percussion

1. THE JINGLE BELLS SUITE (4:07)

Deck the Halls
Joy to the World
The Phynodderie
Canary Dance
Jingle Bells

2. HERE WE COME A-WASSAILING (3:27)

Here We Come A-wassailing
I Wish You a Merry New Year

3. THE HOLLY AND THE IVY (3:44)

The Holly and the Ivy
New Year's Day
The Merry Making

4. SILENT NIGHT (3:23)

5. THE CHERRY-TREE CAROL (4:04)

6. O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (2:11)

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Ding Dong Merrily on High

7. DROPS OF BRANDY (3:32)

O but ye be Merry
Drops of Brandy
The New Year (Malcolm Gillis)

8. O HOLY NIGHT (3:54)

9. CAROL OF THE BIRDS (3:46)

10. THE EVENING STAR (3:56)

The Evening Star (John Hall)
Mrs Ferguson of Raith's Strathspey (Robert Petrie)
Sugar Banks (John French)
Lady Scott's Reel (John Pringle)
The Merry Christmas

11. NOËL EMMANUEL (5:56)

Noël Nouvelet
Brose and Butter
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
An Dro

12. THE FIRST NOEL (4:22)

The First Noel
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Angels We Have Heard on High

13. THE CROSS OF INVERNESS (2:00)

The Cross of Inverness
New Christmas

14. WE THREE KINGS (4:14)

15. THE LEGEND OF THE DREAM STRATHSPEY (1:12)

The Legend of the Dream Strathspey - Sword Dance (David Brewer)

16. AWAY IN A MANGER (3:31)

17. THE CHRISTMAS CAROL SUITE (4:04)

O Christmas Tree
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
Good King Wenceslas
I Saw Three Ships
We Wish You a Merry Christmas

18. CHRISTMAS DAY IS HERE AT LAST (2:34)

The Five Golden Rings (Brewer & Hendey)
Christmas Day is Here at Last (Brewer & Hendey)

19. AULD LANG SYNE (3:40)

Total run time: 67:48

SONG LYRICS

HERE WE COME A-WASSAILING

Traditional. *England.*

Here we come a-wassailing among the leaves so green
Here we come a-wandering so fairly to be seen
Here we come a-wandering so fairly to be seen

Chorus:

Love and joy come to you,
And a Merry Christmas too
God bless you and send you a happy New Year
God send you a Happy New Year

We aren't just daily beggars who beg from door to door
We're just the neighbors' children, you've seen us all before
We're just the neighbors' children, and you've seen us all before

I've got a little purse you know, it's made of leather skin
And I need a golden penny to line it well within
I need a golden penny to line it well within

Call all your friends up to the house, put on your golden ring
And raise a dram to good friends all who clap their hands and sing
Give a cheer for good friends here who clap their hands and sing

Here we come a-wassailing among the leaves so green
Here we come a-wandering so fairly to be seen
Here we come a-wandering so fairly to be seen

SILENT NIGHT

Franz Xaver Gruber and Joseph Mohr, 1818. *Austria.*

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
Glory streams from Heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing, "Hallelujah"
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

THE CHERRY TREE CAROL

Traditional. Child no. 54. *England.*

Joseph was an old man, an old man was he
When he courted lovely Mary, the Queen of Galilee
When he courted lovely Mary, the Queen of Galilee

Joseph and Mary walked through an orchard green,
Where berries and cherries hung down from every tree
Where berries and cherries hung down from every tree

And Mary said to Joseph, so meek and so mild,
"Won't you pick a cherry for your wife who goes with child?"
"Won't you pick a cherry for your wife who goes with child?"

Then Joseph flew in anger, he didn't understand
"Let the father of this baby pluck a fruit with his own hand"
"Let the father of this baby pluck a fruit with his own hand"

Then up spoke the baby, from in his mother's womb,
"Bow down your tall branches, let my mother share your fruit"
"Bow down your tall branches, let my mother share your fruit"

So down bent the cherry tree, to His mother's hand,
And she said, "My dear Joseph, I have cherries by command,"
She said, "My dear Joseph I have cherries by command"

When he saw the branches bow down by command,
He said, "Forgive me darling, I've been a foolish man,"
He said, "Forgive me darling, I've been a foolish man"

And from the sky above them, they heard an angel sing,
"Morning star, sing with me, glory to our King,
With thunder from the heavens, with songs from the sea,
The sun and moon will rise up to greet the Prince of Peace"

Joseph and Mary walked through an orchard green,
And he picked a bright red cherry for the Queen of Galilee
He picked a bright red cherry for the Queen of Galilee



SONG LYRICS

CAROL OF THE BIRDS

Traditional. *Catalonia.*

When rose the Eastern star, the birds came from afar
Upon a night so holy
And, with one melodious voice, they sweetly did rejoice
And sang an ancient story
Singing, praising God on high, enthroned above the sky
With songs of wondrous glory

The eagle left his lair, came winging through the air
His message loud arising,
And then, to his joyous cry, the sparrow did reply
His answer sweetly voicing,
"Overcome are death and strife, this night is born new life,"
The robin sang rejoicing

WE THREE KINGS

John Henry Hopkins Jr, 1857. *United States of America.*

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts, we traverse far
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star

Chorus:

Oh, star of wonder, star of light,
Star of royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light
Guide us to thy perfect light

Born a king on Bethlehem plain
Gifts we bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign

Glory now, behold Him arise
King and God, and sacrifice,
Heavens singing, bells are ringing,
Softly, the Earth replies

AWAY IN A MANGER

Traditional. *United States of America.*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little lord Jesus lay down His sweet head
The stars in the sky look down where He lay
The little lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little lord Jesus, no crying He makes
I love you, lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side, 'til morning is nigh

Be near me, lord Jesus, I ask You to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care,
And fit us for Heaven to live with You there

AULD LANG SYNE

Robert Burns, 1788. *Scotland.*

Should old acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should old acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne?

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my dear,
For auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup of kindness here
For auld lang syne

Oh surely you'll buy your pint cup,
And surely I'll buy mine,
And we'll take a cup of kindness here
For auld lang syne

And here's a hand my trusty friend,
Oh give a hand of thine,
And we'll take a cup of kindness here
For auld lang syne



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