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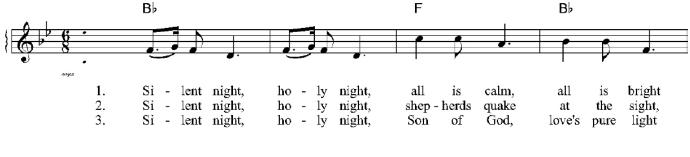
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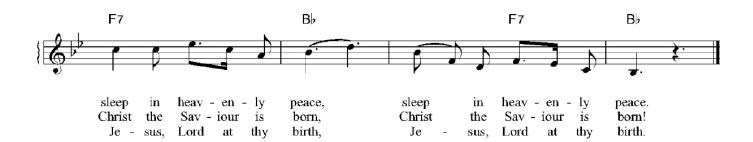
SILENT NIGHT

w6rds by Joseph Mohr trans. John F. Young tune by Franz Gruber, alt.





round yon vir - gin moth-er and child. glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far, ra - diant beams from thy ho-ly face Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia. with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,





O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

John F. Wade, 1751 Latin, John F. Wade trans. by Frederick Oakeley and others G G D G D G C D G 1. 2. 3. 0 Come, allye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri um - phant, o God from God, Light from Light e ter - nal, choirs of Sing, an - gels, sing in ex ul ta - tion, 4. See how the shep - herds, his cra - dle, sum - moned to 5. Child, for ussin - ners poor and in the man - ger, Yea, greet thee, born this mor - ning, Lord, we hap - py D Em D D G D D G D7 G G E_{m} Αm Beth Come and be - hold him, come ye, come ye to le hem. he be - got - ten hors the lo! ab not Vir gin's womb. On - ly God, all all ci - ti - zens bove! Glo - ry sing, ye of hea - ven a to flocks, We lea - ving their draw nigh too will thi - ther to gaze. we would em - brace thee with love and awe. Who would not love thee, Word of Je - sus, thee be all glo giv'n. the Fa - ther, гу D G Em Am D born the King of gels. anther; Son of the Fa 0 come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a glo - ry in the high est. bend our joy - ful foot steps. ly? lov - ing us sodear now in flesh ap pear ing. G A_{m} G D A7 D G C G D G

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Luke 2: 1-20

"The Story of Christ's Birth"

The Birth of Jesus

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to his own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ^[a] the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."



Festive Holiday Cookies

By Amanda Knoles

Almond Cookies

These crispy crescents look attractive on a party tray or in a gift tin.

1 1/4 cup unblanched almonds

1 cup flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup unsalted butter

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3/4 cup confectioner's sugar

Crush the almonds with a few tablespoons of flour in a food processor or nut grinder. Sift the remaining flour and salt and set aside. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the almonds, vanilla and flour mixture. Stir to mix well. Roll the dough into a ball shape, wrap in wax paper and chill in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. and lightly grease two cookie sheets. Break off golf ball size pieces of dough and roll into small cylinders about one-half inch in diameter. Bend into crescent shapes and place on cookie sheets. Bake until lightly golden for about 20 minutes. Transfer to cooling rack and dust with confectioner's sugar. (Walnuts may be substituted for almonds.) Makes 36.

Chocolate Kiss Cookies

Traditional peanut butter cookies team with candy kisses for a rich and nutty taste.

1 (6 ounce) bag milk chocolate candy kisses

1 cup flour

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup butter, softened

3/4 cup light brown sugar

1 egg

1 teaspoon

vanilla extract

Combine flour, baking soda and salt and set aside. Cream the butter and sugar with an electric mixer until fluffy. Beat the egg and vanilla in a small bowl, and then add gradually into the butter mixture. Stir in the peanut butter and mix thoroughly. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease two cookie sheets. Spoon rounded teaspoons of dough and roll into balls. Place the balls on the cookie sheets and press a chocolate kiss into the center of each cookie. Bake until lightly browned about 12-14 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Makes two dozen.



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Combine the butter, shortening, butter.

egg, sugar, almond and vanilla in one bowl. In a separate bowl mix the flour and salt and add to shortening mixture. Divide the dough into two equal portions. Add red food coloring to one portion. Roll one teaspoon of the red dough and one teaspoon of the white dough into four-inch strips on a lightly floured board. Place the strips side by side and press together, twisting them like a rope. Curve the top of the rope shape down to look like a candy cane handle. Bake for 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from the baking sheet and sprinkle with 1/2 cup crushed peppermint candy and 1/2 cup of sugar or sprinkle with confectioner's sugar and cinnamon. Makes two dozen.



Gingerbread People

These delicious cookies have a light gingerbread flavor with a hint of orange.

3 cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking soda

1 cup butter, softened

2 tablespoons dark corn syrup

1 1/2 cups white sugar

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground ginger

1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 tablespoons orange zest

Soften the butter and cream it with the sugar and egg, mixing well. Add the orange zest and dark corn syrup and mix again. Stir in the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, ground cloves and salt. Mix until all ingredients are well combined. Cover and chill in the refrigerator overnight. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Grease cookie sheets and roll the dough out to 1/4inch thick. Use gingerbread boy and girl cookie cutters to cut into shapes. Place gingerbread people one inch apart on the baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees F. for 10 to 12 minutes. Do not over bake. Use cake decorations, raisins or icing to make faces, bowties, hats, etc. Makes 3-5 dozen.

Holiday Canes

Perfect for a school or

church party, these jolly cookies bring smiles to everyone.

2 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup butter

1/2 cup shortening

1 1/2 teaspoons almond extract

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/2 teaspoon red food coloring

1 cup sifted confectioner's sugar

Twenty Gifts Under \$20

By Kimberly Ripley

You needn't be rich, and you needn't rack up ridiculous credit card bills during the holidays to achieve a satisfying and creative level of gift giving. There are ways to give creative, useful, and well-received gifts, and maintain a reasonable budget. Haven't you heard the adage "Less is more"? These gifts fall under the "less is more" heading. They cost significantly less than one might expect to spend, and they offer their recipients a great deal more. Some ideas incorporate giving a family gift. rather than individual ones. Check out the fantastic gift ideas to the right—each coming in at under \$20.

You could also collect items at garage sales, clearance sales, and dollar stores throughout the year and store in a special cupboard or shelf. Baskets, decorated boxes, gift bags, bottles, jars, and craft supplies are in ample supply during different times of the year—however, they are hardly ever on sale near the holidays. Plan ahead.

The possibilities are endless. Think family, couple, or group gifts and you'll broaden your opportunities to buy fun, creative, and thoughtful gifts for under \$20. Use these ideas or come up with other unique variations. Gift recipients will love the thoughtful choices, and you'll love the fact that your credit card bill wasn't driven sky-high. These gifts certainly have a twofold benefit!

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1 For the couple that has everything, make a modest donation to a charity in their name. Many charities, for donations of around \$20, offer holiday ornaments commemorating the donation.

2 For the crafter, fill an inexpensive basket with scissors, tacky glue, pre-cut foam shapes, an assortment of felt pieces, and a hot-glue gun. Department stores sell these items to easily total less than \$20.

3 For the kitchen connoisseur, line a mesh basket with a brightly colored dishtowel. Add a variety of bottled spices from the dollar store.

A Pamper someone special who never takes the time to pamper herself. Buy a pair of plain cotton gloves. Add rich hand cream, cuticle oil, an emery board and a couple of trendy nail polish colors, and arrange in a small basin for soaking.

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GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

words: traditional English tunr: traditional English



- 1. God rest ye mer ry, gen tle-men, let noth ing you dis may, re 2. From God, our heav'n ly fa ther, a bles sed an gel came, and
- bles sed an gel God, our heav'n - ly fa - ther, a came, and gel, "Let 3. "Fear not, then" said the noth-ing you af - fright. This 4. Now the Lord sing prais - ses, all you with in this place, and



mem-ber Christ our Sav - iour was un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought day is born a Sav - iour of with true love and broth-er-hood each

born on Christ-mas day
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a pure vir - gin bright
oth - er now em - brace.

to save us all from how that in Beth - le - to free all those who This ho - ly tide of



Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray. hem was born the Son of God by name. $_{
m in}$ Sa - tan's pow'r and trust Him from might. Christ doth bring re - deem-ing mas grace.

O ti - dings of com - fort and

John 1:14 (New King James Version)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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Shopping in Your Hometown

BY DELLA SERENE

Shopping for Christmas presents can cause a headache. That's probably why a lot of people wait until the last minute to shop. Waiting doesn't necessarily make the task of shopping any easier. What does simplify the process is patronizing businesses in your hometown. Doing so helps to keep the local economy going and of-

The advantages of shopping in vour hometown are clear and include

fers advantages to shoppers as well.



There are never any shipping charges to pay.

You can look at, and handle, your intended purchase.

Local retailers will take time to answer any and all questions about the product.

Returns are easier for you and if the item is a gift, for the person you purchased the gift for if it needs to be exchanged or returned for some rea-

You get immediate satisfaction. There is no waiting to receive your merchandise and you know you will get it because you take it home the day you pay for it.

You'll receive personalized service with a smile.

You can compare the selections available.

There is the option of lav-away if you want to do it. Most stores require that all Christmas merchandise to be picked up by the end of November or first of December and many have a cut off date to lav-away items. If you don't have all the money at one time, this way is cheaper than paying credit card interest. You just have to remember to make the monthly payment and pick it up on time.

Local shopkeepers rely on creating a friendly atmosphere in their stores. Many times, they strive to know their customers by name especially in small towns where the success of their business depends on repeat customers. Shopkeepers often go the

extra mile to give personalized service, with a smile, intended to make vou happy.

Selecting the right Christmas gift usually takes a lot of time and thought to match the gift to the recipient. Browsing in a store that you are familiar with makes that task even easier. If you know the layout of the store, you will feel more comfortable.

And, shopping locally will cut down your drive time. Your local stores are in familiar areas so you won't get lost. Even if the Christmas traffic is hectic, you have less of a chance of becoming unnerved in a place you have shopped numerous times than at a shopping center that is new to you.

These business owners are the people that support the many worthwhile causes in your community. They are members of the Rotary Club, volunteer at the summer festival, support the youth programs and are members of the chamber of commerce that organizes town-wide events and draws tourists to your town. Chances are you don't see that community support from the staff of eBay. Overstock.com or any other Internet store.

Convenience, personalized service and the ambience of your hometown stores are reasons to patronize them. Shop at the stores owned and operated by your neighbors.

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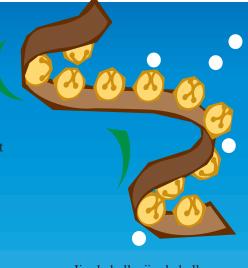


JINGLE BELLS

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 laugh 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 A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ride
And soon Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side
The horse was lean and lank
Misfortune seemed his lot
We got into a drifted bank
And then we got upsot

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 yeah



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

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS



Here comes Santa Claus!
Here comes Santa Claus!
Right down Santa Claus Lane!
Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeer are pulling on the reins.
Bells are ringing, children singing;
All is merry and bright.
Hang your stockings
and 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.

FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

Frosty the snowman
was a jolly happy soul,
With a corncob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal.
Frosty the snowman
is a fairy tale, they say,
He was made of snow
but the children Know
how he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in that Old silk hat they found. For when they placed it on his head He began to dance around.

O, Frosty the snowman
Was alive as he could be,
And the children say he could laugh
And play just the same as you and me.
Thumpetty thump thump,
Thumpety thump thump,
Look at Frosty go.
Thumpetty thump thump,
Thumpetty thump thump,
Over the hills of snow.
Frosty the snowman knew

The sun was hot that day, So he said, "Let's run and We'll have some fun Now before I melt away."

Down to the village,
With a broomstick in his hand,
Running here and there all
Around the square saying,
Catch me if you can.
He led them down the streets of town
Right to the traffic cop.
And he only paused a moment when
He heard him holler "Stop!"

For Frosty the snow man
Had to hurry on his way,
But he waved goodbye saying,
"Don't you cry,
I'll be back again some day."
Thumpetty thump thump,
Thumpety thump thump,
Look at Frosty go.
Thumpetty thump thump,
Thumpetty thump thump,
Over the hills of snow.

LET IT SNOW

Oh the weather outside is frightful But the fire is so delightful And since we've no place to go Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

It doesn't show signs of stopping And I've brought some corn for popping The lights are turned way down low Let is snow, let it snow, let it snow When we finally kiss goodnight How I hate going out in the storm But if you really hold me tight All the way home I'll be warm

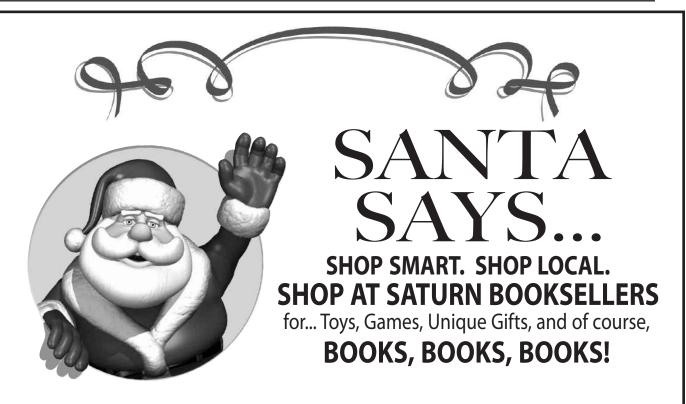
The fire is slowly dying
And my dear we're still goodbye-ing
As long as you love me so
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

THE FIRST NOEL

traditional English, 18th cent.

traditional English, 17th cent. harm. John Stainer, alt.





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AWAY IN A MANGER

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tune: Cradle Song, William J. Kirkpatrick



20 Gifts Under \$20

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- **5** Gifts for gardeners—buy a terra-cotta plant pot. Decorate the pot with paints. Fill with a small trowel, gardening gloves, seed packets, bug spray, and plant food.
- 6 Indulge a chocolate lover with the best of the best. For under \$20, most chocolate stores offer a variety of exquisite gift boxes and varied selection.
- **7** Give a letter-writing grandmother a selection of pretty note cards, a pen, and a book of stamps.
- **8** Fill an unfinished wooden box with paints, brushes, crayons, and a ream of paper. Budding child-artists can paint and decorate the box and create an art caddy for their supplies.
- $9^{\rm Buy}$ a gift certificate for two movie passes to your local theater. Wrap with

a box of microwave popcorn.

- $10^{\rm Shop\ your\ local\ music\ store.\ This}_{\rm gift\ will\ be\ a\ hit\ for\ all\ ages'}$
- 11 How about a restaurant gift certificate? Of course it's hard to buy a nice meal for two for under \$20—unless it's at a restaurant that serves breakfast!
- 12 Traditional play is all the rage. Give a family a board game, a basketball or football, or a badminton set.
- 13 What about a picture-perfect present? Wrap a disposable camera, a trendy picture frame and a small photo album for under \$20.
- 14 Fun food for thought—give a family a set of sundae glasses, a bottle of sprinkles, and some hot fudge topping. If the gift will be opened immediately, throw in a pint of specialty ice cream.
- 15 Give an aspiring writer a handsome journal and a classic pen.

- 16 Collect a variety of clear glass bottles with stoppers. These are commonly found at garage sales throughout the year. Wrap bottles in a tissue-stuffed box and accompany with a selection of colored sand from craft stores. Tie a plastic funnel to the outside of the package. Kids will love this.
- 17 For the couple that entertains—buy a bottle of wine at a grocery store (some brands cost around \$10 are very good choices!). Add some cheese and crackers, and you've given a party in a box.
- $18^{\,\mathrm{A}}$ pound of coffee from a gourmet coffee shop and two interesting mugs from the dollar store make a great gift for any couple to wake up to.
- 19 A plant, a spray bottle, and mini-gardening tools make a creative and longlasting gift. Add some plant food sticks and still keep within your budget.
- 20 Give the gift of good luck. Fill a velvet pouch with a deck of playing cards, some dice, and a half-dozen lottery scratch tickets for a present with earning potential.





JOY TO THE

words by Isaac Watts, alt.

World

tune: Antioch, George Frederick Handel adapt. & arr. by Lowell Mason

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HARK! THE HERALD Sley ANGELS SING MUSIC: Men

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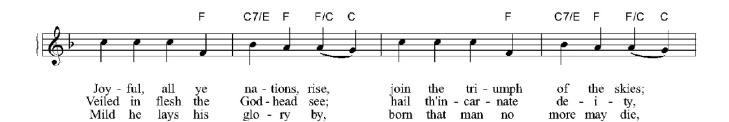
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1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace!

"Glo-ry to the new-born King; Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Hail the Sun of right-eous-ness!







Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"



2012 Christmas Budget Make sure you tell your money where to go!

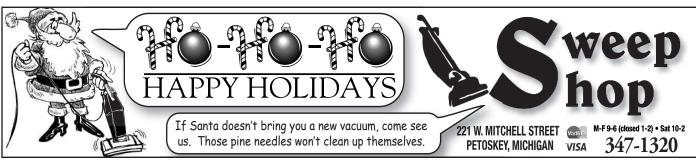
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			your Christmas spending goal.
		use the amount you wrote at the top of the page	CHRISTMAS CASH
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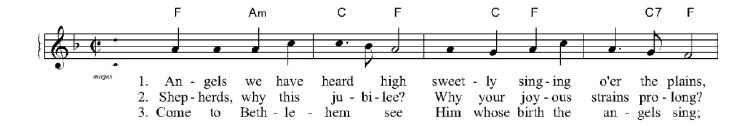


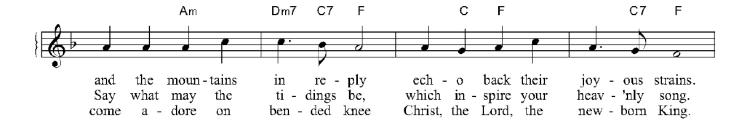


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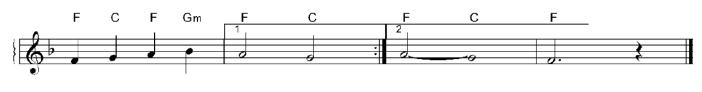
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