

## "FILL IN THE LYRICS" GAME – INTRO AND QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### TO INTRODUCE THE GAME TO GUESTS:

We're going to play a game called "Fill in the Lyrics." We will tell you which Christmas carol or secular Christmas song the lines come from. Then we will read one line and a portion of another line from the carol or song. You must say the rest of the line. This game might remind us that sometimes we become so familiar with the Christmas carols that we don't pay much attention to some of the words that have such a great message about what the birth of Christ means for us.

The lyrics of "Joy to the World" were written by Isaac Watt. The website of Forest Baptist Church gives some interesting insight. Isaac Watts wrote the lyrics for over 750 hymns. Isaac was very gifted at rhyming from an early age. His father chided him for opening his eyes in the middle of a prayer. Isaac explained his distraction by saying: "A little mouse for want of stairs, ran up a rope to say its prayers." Unimpressed, his father spanked him, and Isaac cried out: "O father, father, pity take, and I will no more verses make." [Hmmm. How did Isaac's father know Isaac's eyes were open unless his own eyes were open, too?]

When Isaac Watts wrote "Joy to the World," his lyrics actually referred to Christ's SECOND coming, which may be very soon. "Heaven and nature" will "sing" when the curse of sin is undone. Thorns will no longer "infest the ground." The *World English Bible* version of Romans 8: 22&23 says: "We know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now. Not only so, but ourselves also, who have the first fruits of the [Holy] Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for adoption, the redemption of our body." Without Christ's First Coming to the world to die for our sins, we would not be freed from the curse at His Second Coming.

Let's begin the game. There are 15 questions. When we read them, please don't blurt out the answers. Raise your hand. If more than one raise a hand at the same time, the first to give their answer must give it privately. If all answer correctly, all will get a point. Someone will need to help watch for hands raised, and someone will need to keep score.

ATTENTION MODERATOR: Read all EXCEPT the words underlined and capitalized to those playing . The words capitalized and underlined are the answers.

1. The song is "Angels We Have Heard on High."  
Shepherd, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be, WHICH INSPIRED YOUR HEAV'NLY SONG?
2. The song is "Silver Bells."  
Silver bells, silver bells—It's Christmas time in the city  
Ring-a-ling, hear them ring—SOON IT WILL BE CHRISTMAS DAY.
3. The song is "Go Tell It on the Mountain."  
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens THERE SHONE A HOLY LIGHT.
4. The song is "Jingle Bells."  
A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride,  
And soon Miss Fanny Bright WAS SEATED BY MY SIDE.
5. The song is "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumphs of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim, "CHRIST IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM!"
6. The song is "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas."  
Dolls that'll talk and will go for a walk is the hope of Janice and Jen,  
And Mom and Dad can hardly wait FOR SCHOOL TO START AGAIN.

7. The song is "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay TO HEAR THE ANGELS SING.
8. The song is "The Christmas Song."  
Everybody knows . . . a turkey and some mistletoe . . . help to make the season bright.  
Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow WILL FIND IT HARD TO SLEEP TONIGHT.
9. The song is "O Holy Night."  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in His name ALL OPPRESSION SHALL CEASE.
10. The song is "Winter Wonderland."  
In the meadow we can build a snowman, And pretend that he's a circus clown  
We'll have lots of fun with Mr. Snowman, Until the other kiddies KNOCK HIM DOWN.
11. The song is "O Little Town of Bethlehem."  
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, OUR LORD, EMMANUEL.
12. The song is "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."  
Then how the reindeer love him, As they shouted out with glee,  
"Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer, YOU'LL GO DOWN IN HISTORY."
13. The song is "The First Noel."  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star WHEREVER IT WENT.
14. The song is "Frosty the Snowman."  
Oh, 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.
15. The song is "What Child Is This?"  
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts ENTHRONE HIM.

Below are EXTRA QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED ONLY BY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TIED. Use only the first question if someone is able to answer it correctly to break the tie.

- \*1. The song is "We Three Kings of Orient Are."  
Star of Wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding , GUIDE US TO THY PERFECT LIGHT.
- \*2. The song is "Do You Hear What I Hear?"  
Said the king to the people everywhere:  
"Listen to what I say! PRAY FOR PEACE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE!"